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## Battle over school cash could cost council up to £200,000

CHALLENGING a Government decision to axe funding for a revamp of secondary schools could leave Sandwell Council facing legal costs of up to £200,000.

The council is one of six authorities seeking a judicial review to challenge the scrapping of the Building Schools for the Future scheme.

A hearing started on Monday at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Education Secretary Michael Gove abolished the scheme in July, cancelling projects at more than 700 schools including nine schemes worth £138 million in Sandwell.

If the legal bid is successful, a review will follow in the hope the Government's decision to slash funding can be overturned.

Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said the battle had already cost around £30,000 and costs are set to soar if a full review is granted.

Cllr Cooper said all criteria affecting the decision will have to be made public, which did not happen in the first place and was one of the main causes for concern. He said: "I believe that this is a massive injustice to the people of our borough and I think that it warrants us standing up and putting the politics to one side and fighting for what we believe is what we are entitled to."

**Court battle begins – see page 3**

### Thousands spent on project that may not be built

# LIFESTYLE CENTRE IS FACING AXE

ALMOST £400,000 of taxpayers' cash has been spent on plans for a health and leisure centre in Oldbury – which could now be scrapped.

A total of £390,000 was spent on creating detailed designs and legal issues – including land covenants and planning applications – for the £15 million Portway Lifestyle Centre.

However, the future of the long-awaited project is now hanging in the balance after it was revealed the Government is "reviewing" its decision to fund it.

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The centre, planned for Newbury Lane, is one of 17 projects nationally under threat and awaiting a decision by the Department of Health.

Sandwell Council granted planning permission for the first phase of the scheme in 2008, with work due to start in 2009.

### Hydrotherapy

Under these plans the state-of-the-art health and fitness centre was set to include a GP surgery, along with gym studios, sports pitches and hydrotherapy baths, and would have opened this year.

Councillor Steve Eling, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for strategic resources and deputy leader said: "We have invested £390,000 on items such as design, legal and planning on getting the Portway Lifestyle Centre to its current stage, which represents good value.

"It is a pioneering centre, one of two in the country at such an advanced stage, which will provide integrated social care, health, sports and leisure services with a main focus on the full inclusion of people with disabilities into these activities."

He added: "It is one of around 17 schemes which the Department for Health is reviewing and we are advised we should get an answer by the end of the month."

The Department of Health confirmed ministers were reviewing funding for the project, among others.

Lisa Rashid and lifeguard Greg Fisher promote Swim Week

## Get in the swim with huge range of pool activities

SANDWELL Leisure Trust, in partnership with local clubs, has a huge range of swimming activities to try this February.

Everything from learn-to-swim sessions, triathlon training, lifeguard skills, swimming teaching skills, water polo and snorkelling will be available at swimming centres across the borough.

Adults can also take advantage of 'two for one' on public swimming sessions, and they can also learn more about developing a career in lifeguarding and swimming teaching.

Junior week starts on Monday, February 21, with adult week starting on Monday, February 28.

Some introductory sessions are free and other activities are from as little as £2.99 per session.

Mark Wildman, marketing manager, said: "We want Sandwell's Focus On Swimming week to encourage more people to enjoy swimming activities

### Olympic

"Sandwell Leisure Trust's Focus On activity week programmes have been awarded the Inspire mark. The London 2012 Inspire programme enables non-commercial organisations across the UK to link their events and projects to the London 2012 Games in an official scope."

Further details are available from Sandwell Leisure Trust website www.slt-leisure.co.uk or by calling 0845 659 4815.

Meanwhile, the main pool at Smethwick Swimming Centre has reopened after closing temporarily when a tension cable in the ceiling snapped. The cable was supporting ducting, which is part of the air conditioning system over the pool.

Inspections were carried out at the Thimblemill Road site and the pool was declared safe to reopen last Saturday.

## £2.5m pub to create 60 jobs

PUB giant Marston's is set to open a £2.5 million pub near Wednesbury, creating up to 60 jobs.

The new venue will be based near the Ikea store on the Gallagher Retail Park, next to junction nine of the M6.

It comes as part of plans by Marston's to invest £300m on new pubs across the region.

It marks more good news for the Gallagher Retail Park, coming a day after it was revealed fashion shore Lipsy is to open up there.

### Restaurant

Marston's acquisition manager Tina Moorhouse said the company had agreed a fee for the site and was planning a new building to accommodate the pub.

The scheme is to build one of Marston's restaurant-style Magnum pubs on a site near Park Lane and Axletree Way, with a trading area of 4,800sq ft.

Marston's is the parent company of the Wolverhampton-based Banks's brewery business and owns and operates 500 pubs across England and Wales.

It announced in December its profits were £73.5m.

## Venue boss is fined for dumping rubbish

THE owner of a Smethwick function hall has been told to pay more than £1,500 for dumping rubble from his car park on a canal embankment.

Rameshwar Jassal had been resurfacing the car park of Night Inn.

He had told two workers doing the work to throw the debris over the fence.

At Warley Magistrates Court he admitted depositing waste illegally.

Miss Jane Lineker, prosecuting, said a Sandwell Council officer spotted Jassal, aged 53, of York Road in Handsworth, on April 28.

"The officer was driving down Great Arthur Street in Smethwick past the car park of the Night Inn when he saw two men throwing rubble over a fence and onto land owned by British Waterways," she said.

Miss Lineker said officers later interviewed Jassal, who said he was the joint owner of the function hall.

He confirmed he employed the workers and had instructed them to throw the rubble over the fence.

Representing himself, Jassal, who speaks Punjabi and communicated through an interpreter, said he accepted it was his fault but added he had now cleared the area.

Magistrates called the crime "despicable".

Chairman of the bench Jane Rashid said: "You may have cleaned it up but that was only after you were caught.

"If everyone did this, our countryside would be a mess."

The defendant was ordered to pay a £935 fine, £705 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

## Soaring cost of children in care hits coffers hard

CHILDREN'S social care in the borough has left Sandwell Council facing a £5 million overspend this year.

The council's finance chief blames the spiralling expense for the number of children being placed into care, describing the cost of provision by the council as "horrendous".

Councillor Steve Eling, cabinet member for strategic resources, is now demanding national regulations are brought in to limit the costs of care homes and to prevent councils from being "ripped off".

### Report

A report to the council says children's social care is forecasting an overspend of £5.67m on the original budget allocation of £62m.

It says that in the present financial year £2.5m has been spent on placement costs for youngsters.

A figure of £1.8m has gone on employees, £700,000 on legal fees, £300,000 on transport and £300,000 on implementing an Ofsted improvement plan after the department was criticised by the inspectors.

Cllr Eling said: "There is an overspend because of the number of kids having to be put into care – it's absolutely horrendous.

"Sandwell is over a barrel but so are other councils and so are the Government, especially at a time when budgets are being squeezed.

"I think the Government has a duty to bring in some kind of national regulation to stop hard-pressed authorities from being ripped off."

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# Wallwork charged

EX-West Bromwich Albion star Ronnie Wallwork will appear before Preston magistrates on Monday charged with conspiracy to conceal criminal property.

Wallwork, aged 33, of Failsworth, Greater Manchester, had been arrested on suspicion of the theft of vehicles as he arrived at Manchester Airport on a flight.

He was then questioned in connection with the handling of stolen vehicles. Last week he answered bail and was charged.

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# Dave's supporters go for gold

A GOLD pendant created to mark "Blind Dave" Heeley's latest charity challenge is to be auctioned – and former Birmingham City owner David Gold was first to put in a bid.

Dave, 52, from West Bromwich will run and cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End in his Top2Toe Epic Fundraiser in a bid to raise £100,000. The pendant, in the shape of the British Isles, includes 11 diamonds marking legs of the journey and was donated by jeweller Steve Quance, from Stone Jewellers in Birmingham.

Dave, who ran seven marathons on seven continents in seven days in 2008, will wear the pendant throughout the challenge in August and hopes the auction will help him reach his target for Macmillan Cancer Support. David Gold, now chairman at West Ham, placed his bid of £2,500 last week.

To learn more about Dave's latest challenge, or to donate and show your support, visit the www.justgiving.com/blinddavestop2toe website.

# Focus on foster care

PEOPLE interested in fostering a child can find out more at an informal event next week.

Sandwell Fostering Team is hosting the event in Smethwick on Thursday, February 3. The team currently works with 140 foster families looking after Sandwell foster children and 50 more families are needed to come forward and foster.

The event will give people a chance to learn more about fostering and becoming a foster carer by talking to members of the fostering team and carers.

Potential fosterers can drop-in at any time between 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Crystal House, Crystal Drive, Sandwell Business Park, Smethwick, B66 1QG.

# Town is plagued by vice

ALMOST half of West Midlands' recorded prostitution offences were in Bearwood in the last nine months.

Neighbourhood Sergeant Paul Shannaghan gave figures on policing on the Bearwood Blog website.

Tackling prostitution is a priority for the neighbourhood policing team with patrols stepped up, CCTV installed and arrests of curb crawlers and prostitutes.

Sgt Shannaghan wrote: "Currently the Bearwood neighbourhood team has just under 40 per cent (42 offences) of the entire West Midlands Police, prostitution offences recorded since April 2010.

"When I came to the team in 2008 I knew that about 12 prostitutes were working in Bearwood.

"Currently we have only about two or three prostitutes working in Bearwood."

He said two prostitutes got criminal anti-social behaviour orders (crasbos) over the last six months and there are a further two prostitutes one offence away from a Crasbo.

### Cautions

"Street prostitution is very labour intensive with officers working mainly half nights in plain clothes to combat this type of offence, thus stopping officers being visible in Bearwood for other problems and issues during the day and afternoon."

In October police tackled the area in and around Sandon Road, Poplar Avenue and Drayton Road. Over a month there were 23 prostitution-related cautions and arrests.

# Hotel plan at former glassworks delayed

PLANS to convert an historic Black Country factory into a 200-bed hotel have been put on ice.

Anthony Copeland, co-owner of the former Chance Brothers glasswork in Smethwick, said he still plans to redevelop the iconic building but confirmed the project is on hold until the economy improves.

The seven-storey 19th century building, which dominates the skyline next to the elevated M5, is Grade II Listed.

Mr Copeland said that while redevelopment plans have stalled, restoration work is continuing.

A total of £160,000 has been invested over the past 12 months on restoring Victorian brickwork.

He said: "The work that is being carried out at the moment is to restore Victorian arches over windows. These had been replaced with concrete, which is now being taken out and replaced.

"It is a slow and painstaking process, which is being carried out by a team of two stonemasons.

"The building is also being cleaned and re-pointed.

"People that drive past the site regularly are starting to see the difference and, once the work has been completed, we can look to start putting windows in."

Mr Copeland said he has not given up hope of re-developing the site as a hotel and was setting up talks with planners and highways bosses in advance of a planning application.

### Meetings

He said: "The plan is still to create a hotel but the economic climate means we are not moving forward on that at the moment.

"I am currently organising meetings with planners and highways officers to talk about the impact the development would have on traffic on Spon Lane.

"The way things are at the moment a development of this kind would cause major congestion, so we are going to talk about what we could do to minimise this impact."

Chance Brothers glassworks in Palace Drive was established in 1824 and became world-famous, with 90 per cent of all reflective glass used for lighthouses in the world produced by the firm.

The company also supplied glass to the Houses of Parliament and to the Great Exhibition of 1851 at Crystal Palace.

The last of the Smethwick works closed in 1981, ending over 150 years of production at Smethwick.

# Transport show

PREPARATIONS are already well under way for Sandwell's 33rd Historic Vehicle and Transport Show.

Thousands of vintage car enthusiasts are expected to attend the show which is again being held at Sandwell Valley in West Bromwich, on May 8.

More than 800 vehicles will be on show, some dating back to the 1920s.

For details on exhibiting a vehicle, the autojumble or trade areas, contact Jane Johnson on 0121 569 8276.

# Addict jailed for the robbery of pensioner

A DRUG addict who forced her way into the home of a "vulnerable" Smethwick pensioner and pushed him to the floor, before stealing £120 from his wallet and scratching him, has been jailed for six years.

The victim, aged 80, who was living in residential accommodation, managed to get his wallet back from his female attacker but Josephine Sam, aged 42, of Bearwood, "dug her nails in" and scratched his hands and face.

### Emergency

The man was able to pull the emergency cord and a member of staff in the home challenged Sam and she left the scene.

However, when the crime was later viewed on CCTV investigating police officers were able to recognise Sam and she was quickly arrested.

Recorder David Aucott at Wolverhampton Crown Court told Sam there was a "level of violence" in what was an "intense and frightening" incident for the pensioner, who fortunately had not suffered any serious injury.

Sam of Hagley Road, Bearwood, admitted robbery and was "ashamed and distressed by the harm she had caused to the pensioner," said Mr Michael Anning defending.

He told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Sam had a long term addiction to class A drugs and she needed money for her habit.

# Fancy a nibble?

Karen Phipps from Serenity Tanning and Beauty, Wednesbury, with the new Garra Rufa fish treatment

A NEW spa treatment where fish nibble the feet is on offer at a Wednesbury beauty salon.

Serenity Tanning and Beauty on Crankhall Lane is the latest salon in the region to launch the latest craze in the beauty world – Garra Rufa fish.

The unusual treatment sees customers have the dry skin nibbled off their feet by the tiny fish, which are also known as 'doctor fish' and the salon is already being inundated with bookings after the arrival of the fish this month.

Boss Karen Phipps said: "They are good for skin complaints like psoriasis, eczema, really dry flaky skin and athletes foot."

The tiny, toothless carp, native to Turkey, are already used in salons in Dudley and Walsall.

At the Wednesbury salon it is priced £10 for 15 minutes or £15 for 30 minutes.

# New children's boss at council

A NEW children's boss has been appointed to Sandwell Council's failing children's social care department.

Helen Smith will be new service director for children and families from May.

Interim chief executive Jan Britton said in his online blog: "Helen currently works as an assistant director in Cumbria, where she led the social care and special educational needs services for over fours years.

"This is an excellent appointment and Helen is coming to Sandwell because she is attracted by the vision and commitment to improve the service we provide for our most vulnerable children and families.

### Suitable

"She will join the council in May 2011 and this will mark the first time in Sandwell for five years that there has been a management team of permanent employees leading children's social care."

This month, Sandwell's children's services were rated "poor" overall by Ofsted inspectors.

Last year council bosses drafted in agency workers, costing the taxpayer more than £2 million in one year.

Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper, said: "For the first time in a long time in children's services we have a suitable management structure. The only way is up."

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# Phoenix is flying to new heights

PUPILS at Sandwell's newest school are reaping the benefits of an inspirational teaching team after just one term.

Phoenix Collegiate, which was formed by the merger of the Manor and Menzies schools, is led by deputy heads Vincent Green and Janet Baker, who boast 36 years of teaching experience.

The new Sport, Business and Enterprise College brings together over 2,000 pupils and promises to deliver an exciting and innovative curriculum for 11-19 year olds on both of the current sites.

Mr Green, who has previously held the position of deputy head at a school in Telford, decided to return to the area as he believes that pupils in Sandwell have something special to offer.

In his last post he transformed a school that was at the bottom of the league table to the top and when he left it was classed as outstanding – an achievement he is aiming to replicate at the Phoenix.

### Confident

He said: "It's fantastic to be a part of Phoenix at such an exciting time. Bringing two schools and all of the pupils together is certainly a challenge but one I'm relishing.

"We have ambitious plans for Phoenix and I'm confident that it's going to become the best school in the authority over the next few years."

One of Janet Baker's responsibilities is developing an innovative curriculum and she's already changing the way in which Key Stage 3 is delivered throughout the school.

She said: "Pupils here have a fantastic opportunity to be taught by experienced teachers who are committed to helping them to shine."

Mr Green is based at the North Campus and Janet Baker overlooks the South site, both under the leadership of Brian Heavisides, executive head teacher of Phoenix Collegiate. He said: "With Vincent and Janet on board all of our pupils really do have the opportunity to reach their full potential."

# Museum hit by theft

BLACK Country Living Museum trams and trolleybuses may be out of action until Easter, after thieves stole a section of overhead electrical wiring at the Tipton Road site.

The cost of work is not known.

The museum said, due to the historic nature of the tramway, it was hard to predict how long restoration would take as it would require specialist work. Spokeswoman Fiona Carding said: "We are working hard to reinstate the tram and would hope it would become fully operational in time for Easter."

A vintage coach service is being used to transport visitors while trams and trolleybuses are out of action. Security has also been stepped up after the theft early on January 11.

# Cheat claimed £22,000

A BENEFITS cheat from Oldbury who wrongfully claimed £22,000 has been told to serve 150 hours of unpaid work and given a suspended sentence.

Mother-of-two Natalie Silakowski, aged 32, of Pedmore Walk, failed to tell Sandwell Council that she was living with her husband.

This would have reduced her entitlement.

Silakowski pleaded guilty at Warley Magistrates' Court to failing to notify the council of a change of circumstance. Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said his client was paying the full amount back.

She was given a 26-week jail sentence, suspended for two years, made subject of a supervision order and ordered to pay £300 costs.

Pensioner suffers bag snatch, broken hip, burglary and husband going into care

# Mugger began chain of misery for an OAP

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A ROBBER has been jailed for four years after snatching a West Bromwich pensioner's handbag causing her to fall and break her hip.

The victim was visiting her husband in hospital when the attack happened.

She was six days from her 80th birthday when Amardeep Singh struck as she got off a bus near Sandwell Hospital where her husband was following a stroke, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on Friday.

She fractured her right hip when flung to the ground as the handbag was snatched.

She suffered further misery when her West Bromwich home was burgled in an unrelated incident while she was being treated for jer injury, said prosecutor Mr Howard Searle.

The injury left the woman requiring the assistance of a walking frame and unable to look after her husband who was placed in a care home.

The victim revealed some of the suffering caused by the June 30 robbery in All Saints Way, West Bromwich, in a statement referred to in court.

She disclosed: "I had intended to look after my husband at home. Now he has to stay in a care home."

Singh escaped with nothing. The 29-year-old was arrested the following day.

### Heroin

Mr Jas Mann, defending, said: "He is a heroin user who was living on his wits trying to fund the addiction. He is filled with remorse."

Singh from Beeches Road, West Bromwich admitted robbery and was jailed by Judge John Warner who told him: "I accept that you did not intend the elderly lady to suffer like this but it had to be an obvious risk."

# Mack' and chips

THERE have been some fishy goings-on at a West Bromwich chip shop where a new option has appeared on the menu. Chapman Chippy, on Whitehall Road, has started selling mackerel after being inspired by Channel 4's Fish Fight campaign to encourage the public to eat a wider range of fish. Owner Hermes Kasbezis said: "People have been surprised we sell it and some are very eager to try it." The shop now also has its own Facebook page.

# Court battle begins

A COURT bid to overturn a Government decision to axe Sandwell's secondary school modernisation programme began on Monday and is due to last three to five days.

Sandwell Council is one of six authorities seeking a judicial review at the Royal Courts of Justice in London to challenge the decision to axe Building Schools for the Future funding. If the court bid is successful, a review will follow in the hope that the decision to slash funding for schools could be overturned.

Sandwell Council Leader Darren Cooper said: "We have not taken this action lightly and it will not be cheap, but how can you weigh that against the future of our youngsters and their future careers? We understand austerity and we understand the need for cuts, but why is the Government picking on Sandwell?

"This decision is absolutely vital to the future of thousands of young people in Sandwell and their chances in life after they leave school."

Nine schools in Sandwell lost out on £138 million in funding following the Government's announcement in July. They include Bristnall Hall, Heathfield, Manor and Menzies, The Meadows, Perryfields, Stuart Bathurst, Tividale and Wood Green.

Sandwell Council will be joined by Luton, Nottingham, Newham, Waltham Forest and Kent County Council in seeking the review.

# Say Hello to campaign on speech

THIS month sees the launch of the National Year of Speech, Language and Communication – a campaign to increase understanding of how important it is for children and young people to develop good communication skills.

Dubbed as the 'Hello' movement, it aims to make communication for all children and young people a priority so that they can live life to the full.

### Barriers

Flis Parsons, Senior Joint Commissioning Manager from Sandwell Children and Young People's Trust said: "When screened 40 per cent of children in Sandwell showed that they were at risk of having speech and language difficulties when they start school.

"Communication barriers can sometimes be invisible to others, meaning that a child's needs are often misinterpreted, misdiagnosed or missed altogether.

"We don't want to see that happen in Sandwell and we're using the Hello campaign to start making a difference now."

In Sandwell the Hello campaign will be run by the Children and Young People's Trust (both Sandwell Primary Care Trust and Sandwell Council) with monthly themes and activities running throughout 2011.

For more information contact Anna Kaur on 0121 612 1690 or email anna_kaur@sandwell.gov.uk, or see www.hello.org.uk.

# Model car envy led to burglary via a cat flap

A MODEL racing car enthusiast who burgled a rival's home to steal special equipment he wanted to make his own vehicles go faster has been jailed for three years.

Mark Lake raided the house in Dudley after reaching through a cat flap in the back door to grab the key and snatched property, including the keys to a powerful Subaru car.

### Crashed

In the boot were remote control systems that Lake wanted to use for his own model cars but as he drove away in the Subaru he crashed into a parked car, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 30-year-old, of Westbourne Road, West Bromwich, had denied burglary, theft and aggravated vehicle taking but was convicted at trial.

The court heard he had a long criminal record, including six convictions for burglary, four for aggravated burglary, possessing a sawn-off shotgun and wounding.

Recorder David Reading said on Friday: "One shudders to think what would have happened if the occupiers had woken up."

He said he was satisfied Lake had targeted the home of a fellow amateur in Sheriff Drive, Quarry Bank, because of their shared passion for remote controlled cars.

"You would probably have been successful if it had not been for the collision with the parked car. What you did caused an enormous amount of distress for this family."

Lake was also disqualified from driving for a year.

# Respite home faces closure to save cash

A HOME offering respite care is set to be axed by Sandwell Council in a bid to save money.

Council-run Warstone House in West Bromwich is facing closure due to "high running costs" faced by the authority. The council is trying to save £75 million over the next four years.

The home, in Salters Lane, provides respite care for people with learning difficulties, to give unpaid carers, often family members, a break. Council figures show that 70 people with learning disabilities use the facility and there are 31 staff.

Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell Council cabinet member for adult social care, confirmed the council is consulting on plans to close the facility. She said: "Running costs at Warstone House are very high. We're trying to provide as personalised a service as possible to a large number of individuals on a short-term basis. We often have to pay for agency staff to support this. It is difficult to justify continuing to spend money in this way."

Under council's plans, families would get direct payments, to organise their own respite care or breaks.

Users said they are appalled at the plans to axe the service. Rose Ratcliffe,aged 71, of Grove Vale Avenue, Great Barr uses Warstone House to provide care for her disabled son Ian, 48, who is blind and uses a wheelchair.

She said: "For the last 48 years I have had to feed him, bathe him, dress him, do everything. I don't want him to go into a home because I love him and I want to do it. But there are some times when I need a break. This is the only thing that people like me have and now the council wants to close it down."

# Seminar on food allergies

PEOPLE in Sandwell are invited to a seminar to learn more about food allergies.

It is being run by Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust at City Hospital in Birmingham today (Thursday).

Visitors will be given the opportunity to take part in an interactive skin testing demonstration to help identify any food allergies they may be suffering.

There will also be a question and answer session.

The event runs from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. To book a place call 0800 023 4627.

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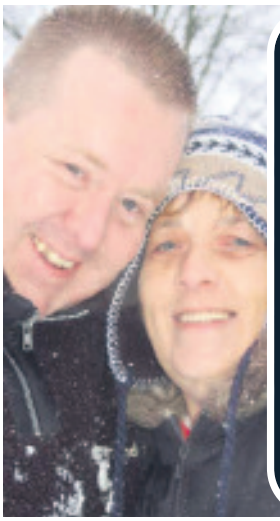

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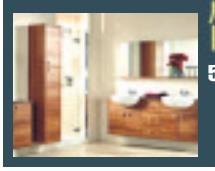

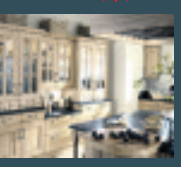

# More misery at Burnt Tree

A SIX-month set of roadworks is to cause more misery for motorists at the Burnt Tree Island bottleneck.

A £1.3m red route scheme will affect a near two-mile stretch of road, leading from Burnt Tree Island along the A461 Dudley Port and Horseley Heath.

Motorists are already dealing with delays at the island, as it udnergoes £12.5m works to transform it from a five-arm roundabout into a four-arm crossroads.

Now, under the red route plan, lanes will be closed and temporary traffic lights brought in to allow more traffic lights to be installed.

It is feared the works, now under way, will compound problems, especially at peak times.

## Disruption

Councillor Derek Rowley Sandwell Council neighbourhoods chief, asked traders and motorists "to bear with us" while the works take place. "We are conscious that this is a busy route and we are committed to keeping the disruption to a minimum," he said.

"We will only carry out work requiring temporary traffic lights over the weekend."

The red route will see new double red lines, banning stopping, however the authority has confirmed there will be formalised areas for parking and loading at "key locations".

# Increase in flu jabs

ALMOST half of the staff employed by the trust that runs Sandwell Hospital have received the flu vaccine this winter.

During the 2010/11 flu season, 42 per cent of staff who work for Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust at Sandwell, City and Rowley Regis hospitals, received a flu vaccination, exceeding the trust's target of 40 per cent.

This was an increase on last year's figure of 33 per cent of staff.

This winter a total of 2,163 vaccinations were administered to health staff.

David Riley, occupational nurse manager, said: "Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust took a proactive approach this year by visiting ward areas and administering vaccinations in staff work areas at times that suited staff, making the vaccination more accessible.

"Providing information to staff about the flu vaccine also led to an increase in uptake this year."

# Academy praised for improving

AN ACADEMY school in Sandwell that was branded inadequate by Ofsted inspectors has turned its fortunes around.

Shireland Collegiate Academy was placed in special measures last year after the behaviour of pupils, exam results and teaching were criticised. But its latest appraisal has prompted the principal to talk of "a massive boost."

The new Ofsted report has given the Smethwick school an overall effectiveness rating of "outstanding" and Shireland was praised for "a remarkably rapid turnaround."

"It's rather impressive," said principal Sir Mark Grundy. "There were issues in 2009 and unfortunately we did go into special measures. I never felt that was a fair decision but it happened and we had to deal with it.

"But the staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard. It is a massive boost."

The academy had been put into special measures last year.

## Action

The school took action with executive principal Sir Mark taking over as principal at the 1,260-pupil Waterloo Road school.

The latest report, which was based on an inspection in December, said: "At the time of the last inspection, the academy had significant weaknesses.

"All these inadequacies have been eradicated and the shortcomings addressed so effectively that there are now notable strengths.

"This remarkably rapid turnaround has been achieved by exceptional leadership, robust support from external partners and an almost obsessive desire on behalf of all staff to improve the quality of teaching and learning."

# Forum is on move

THIS WEEK'S forum meeting for residents living in the Charlemont and Grove Vale areas of West Bromwich will be moving to a new venue.

The meeting is usually held in Beaconview Road but today (Thursday) it will be held at Grove Vale Primary School in Monksfield Avenue. It starts at 6pm and all are welcome.

Councillor Yvonne Davies, Sandwell Council's lead member for West Bromwich, said: "We're keen to reach out to all parts of our communities with our forum meetings so we are making sure we hold them in both the Charlemont and Grove Vale areas of this neighbourhood during the year. The meeting is open to all residents in the Charlemont and Grove Vale neighbourhood."

For more information contact neighbourhood managers Jez Hall or Imran Dean on 0121 569 4640, or email them at jez_hall@sandwell.gov.uk or at imran_dean@sandwell.gov.uk.

# Government rethink halts revamp of flats

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WORK on a £9.2 million project to revamp 11 formerly condemned tower blocks in a bid to tackle soaring demand for housing in Sandwell has been put on hold.

The scheme involved creating flats in basements of the blocks and modernising homes, to get people off the 8,000-strong waiting list.

But the revamp has stalled at flats including Kynaston House and Heronville House in West Bromwich, Nelson House in Princes End, and Paget House and Wyrley House in Sedgley Road East, in Tipton.

The £3m refurbishment of Russell House in Wednesbury has already ground to a halt.

Residents have set up a petition asking Sandwell Council to prioritise the completion of works.

Funding for the project from the Government's Decent Homes scheme has been put on hold until at least February. The Government is considering scrapping the scheme, although housing chief Councillor Simon Hackett said the authority was committed to seeing it through.

Sandwell Council has received £291m of the £319m it was expecting as part of the programme. This has allowed it to bring up housing stock classed as "decent" up to 91 per cent.

The council was expecting to receive £28m to finish the work.

Councillor Hackett said the council had made a bid for the money.

## Funding

He said: "Although the Government had indicated that authorities with less than 10 per cent non-decent housing stock would not be eligible to bid for backlog funding, we have successfully argued that we should be permitted to bid. The outcome of our bid is anticipated in February."

Refits have already been done at Greenford House, Kenrick House, Mountford House, Wyndmill Crescent and Beaconview Road tower blocks in West Bromwich.

The blocks had been earmarked for demolition. But the refurbishments which included modernising windows, drainage and fittings, have given the blocks an extra 10 years of life.

Rent from the 10 new flats in disused basements which have now been put on hold, was expected to bring in £726,000 a year.

# Valuation day

Museum assistant Robin Cooper prepares for a valuation day

PEOPLE are being encouraged to get their family heirlooms valued when Wednesbury's Museum and Art Gallery in Holyhead Road hosts a valuation day on Wednesday, February 2.

It will be run by Fieldings Auctioneers of Stourbridge between 10am and 3pm. Stuart Lane, development officer, said: "There is a maximum of two items per visitor and a charge of £1 per item valued will be made." Call (0121) 556 0683 for details.

# Burglar poses as police officer

TWO homes in West Bromwich were targeted by distraction burglars on the same day.

The burglar pretended to be a police officer in one case and a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator in the other. The first offence took place in Johnston Street, West Bromwich.

It happened on Monday, January 17, between 7pm and 7.30pm.

The man forced entry into the house and told the victim that his home had been broken into.

He spoke to the victim about window security in one room, while two other offenders searched upstairs. Nothing was stolen.

The man is described as white, 5ft 10ins tall, with black hair, aged around 30 and wearing dark clothing.

The second burglary took place on the same day in Oldbury Road, West Bromwich, between 7.15pm and 7.30pm.

The man said he was a member of Neighbourhood Watch and also told the victim that he had been burgled.

While the householder was distracted, he stole a small quantity of cash and other items.

The offender is white, 5ft 11in to 6ft tall and was wearing dark clothing.

Both crimes are now being investigated by the Force Criminal Investigation Department.

Chief Inspector Paul Betts from Sandwell police said: "We are asking residents, neighbours, family and friends to be on their guard, and to keep an eye out for the elderly.

"Residents are advised not to open the door to strangers, and to always ask for identification."

# Worker hit by a girder

A WORKER was airlifted to hospital after being hit by a girder at an industrial unit in Oldbury.

The 36-year-old suffered bruising in the incident last week at Newfield Road. He was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital but was later discharged. Ambulance crews had been called to the unit let by J Barnsley Cranes Ltd, where the man was treated before being airlifted. J Barnsley Cranes Ltd director Matthew Banner said: ""It has been reported to the Health and Safety Executive. We are very high on health and safety so that was the first thing we did."

# Am-drams lose their home after 18 years at school hall

AN AMATEUR theatre company has to leave its home due to a multi-million school rebuilding project.

Tipton Operatic and Dramatic Society, known as Toads, has used Alexandra High School's hall for 18 years.

But now they have just weeks to find another venue as work progresses on the £17 million Building Schools for the Future scheme.

Company member Graham Howes, said: "The society has been in existence for 20 years and it has been based at Alexandra High for 18 years. We rehearse on Tuesdays in the school hall.

"With the Building Schools for the Future Alexandra High is going to be rebuilt. This is is good for the kids but bad for us. We are now looking for a building that can provide rehearsal space.

"A performance area and storage facilities would be a really good bonus.

"We are Tipton-based so it really needs to be in Tipton."

Warehouse worker Mr Howes, aged 55, who lives in Ruth Close, Tipton, added that the group currently has around 30 members aged between seven and 70. But if it doesn't find a home soon, rehearsals will have to be put on hold.

## Renamed

Anyone who can help the group should contact Kelvin McGee at Toads on 07904 586934.

The refurbishment scheme at the Alexandra Road-based school will see it renamed the Tipton Learning Campus. It will have a new entrance, a new social space and a new building.

There will also be a business centre with ICT equipment, and space for vocational courses.

# Help to quit smoking

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# Church hall gets new roof

A BLAZE-hit Oldbury church hall is set to get a new £100,000 roof, bringing it back into use after almost a year.

Arsonists set fire to a storage shed outside Warley Baptist Church's hall which spread to the hall last May.

Parts of the hall, in Castle Road East, have since had to be demolished and made safe.

Now planning chiefs at Sandwell Council have approved plans to install a new roof and work is hoped to be completed by Easter. Church treasurer Jean Green said the cost of the roof would be covered by insurance.

Mrs Green said: "We needed planning permission because they are slightly altering the pitch of it. We are hoping work will start very soon. "

Mrs Green added once the hall was back in use the church would be holding a thanksgiving ceremony.

She added: "We have managed whilst it has been gone but it was a big loss because it was used a great deal."

### Protected

Since the fire the hall has been protected by a 'tin hat' temporary roof and tarpaulin sheeting, which kept the rain out.

Firefighters managed to stop flames spreading to the main church.

The shed where the fire started was destroyed along with equipment stored inside, including items owned by the local Boys Brigade.

A wooden classroom used for Sunday school classes was also destroyed.

# MP's warning over prize con

WEST Bromwich East MP Tom Watson has warned residents to be alert after an elderly constituent was tricked by the promise of a cheque for £25,000.

Mr Watson said common scams include bogus letters, deceptive prize draws, miracle health cures, foreign money-making offers, get-rich-quick schemes and advance fee fraud – and warned residents to stay on their guard.

Mr Watson said: "Recently a constituent came to see me who had fallen victim to a scam. Fortunately, in this instance, he had only wasted a relatively small amount of money after being told he had won a cash prize of £25,000."

A national campaign, called Scamnesty, will launch next month to raise awareness of scams, to be carried out in partnership with trading standards departments. The campaign will run from February 1-28.

# History of rock

FOSSILS and rocks are helping residents to learn about history at Smethwick Library.

The geology display is being held in the entrance to the High Street venue until January 31.

Residents can view the historic fossils and rocks during office hours as part of the exhibition, which has been touring libraries all over the West Midlands with its display of geology items uncovered in the region.

# Donation from store

A SUPERMARKET opening in Sandwell today (Thursday) will celebrate with a donation to a local charity.

Geoff Coleman, Chief Executive of Options for Life, will be guest of honour when the new Tesco Express store opens on Bristnall Hall Lane, near to Knottsall Lane.

Peter Barnfield from the Over 50s group and Jason Rhoden and Charlotte Raborne from the charity's Making Tracks Service will accompany Geoff, who will be invited to cut a ribbon to declare the new store officially open at 10.30am.

As part of the opening celebrations, store manager Dawn Manning and her staff will present Mr Coleman with a cheque for £500.

# Level crossing warning

MOTORISTS using Langley Green level crossing are being warned not to take risks.

Pedestrians are being targeted as well because CCTV footage has shown people vaulting over the barriers, forcing them apart so others can get through or dashing across at the last minute to duck under the barriers as they come down.

Gemma Duffy, Network Rail community safety manager, said: "I am amazed at the lengths some people will go to.

"We have footage of somebody jumping over the barrier and dashing across in front of a train with seconds to spare – and there was snow under foot.

"I shudder to think what would have happened if they had slipped."

# Objections over ruled to make road 'safer'

ONE-way restrictions on a busy Smethwick street have been given the go ahead despite objections from residents.

The order, for Bertram Road, made as part of a series of changes under an £8.5 million scheme for the A457, was approved at a council cabinet meeting earlier this month.

The plans which went to consultation in April 2009 attracted a petition of 245 signatures, with a further petition last year highlighting another 175 objections.

Sandwell's neighbourhood boss, councillor Derek Rowley, was asked to take no action in response to the objections, leading him to authorise the necessary legal procedures and allowing the road to become one way.

A report to Cllr Rowley stated: "Whilst it is recognised that the proposed change in permitted driving direction along Bertram Road will cause inconvenience to some local residents, the primary reason for the one way system is directly related to the safe operation of the modified St Paul's Road/ Fenton Street junction."

### Blamed

The junction, near the High Street, has been blamed for many years for causing delays to the 87 bus route.

Objections to the one-way plans include inconvenience to local residents, an increase in congestion and an increase in vehicle speeds.

The scheme which includes a red route preventing traffic from stopping, aims to cut congestion and improve the link between Cape Hill, Smethwick, Oldbury, Tipton and Burnt Tree.

Changes have been on the cards for many years but it is hoped that these plans will free up traffic and cut travel times while improving the safety of other road users and pedestrians.

Cllr Rowley said: "By making the road one-way it makes the junction so much safer for everyone.

"We were instructed by the High Ways agency to go ahead with the plans because the positioning of the mini round about at the end of the road, as it stands now, makes it extremely hazardous for cars and busses.

"We took in to account all objections but safety is the prime factor to be considered here.

"It is our main priority to not just improve congestion but essentially make life easier for those needing to pull over for access to the houses and shops."

# Police officer jailed for protection scam

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A POLICE officer who tried to con a Tividale restaurant out of £15,000 in a fake protection racket scheme has been jailed for 15 months.

Former West Midlands Police Sergeant Hemantsinh Vasia and accomplice Mark Thomas targeted the Red Mango in Tividale.

Vasia, aged 39, was jailed for nine months for fraud and six months for perverting the course of justice at Birmingham Crown Court.

He was also ordered to pay £5,000 in damages.

### Probe

The court heard in April 2009 Vasia and Thomas, 35, smashed a restaurant window and then told the owners it was the work of a criminal gang called the O'Reillys.

Vasia claimed to have paid the criminals £15,000 to stop further attacks.

The owners of the New Birmingham Road restaurant then handed over £15,000 over the following 12 months.

The fraud was exposed when Vasia and Thomas were arrested as part of a probe by West Midlands Police's anti-corruption unit.

Vasia was found guilty of a separate offence of perverting the course of justice.

The court heard he claimed his wife was driving his speeding Range Rover in Lichfield in August 2009 when in fact he was.

Vasia, of Willenhall, and Thomas were due to stand trial but both admitted one count of fraud and dishonestly making false representations for gain. Thomas also pleaded guilty to possessing a stun gun, cocaine and almost £3,000 in counterfeit £20 notes.

A spokeswoman for West Midlands Police today said Vasia resigned in September. Thomas will be sentenced on February 11.

# How can you sleep at night? judge asks cowboy builders who ripped off householders

COWBOY builders who ripped off three Black Country homeowners and dozens more around the country to net £1 million have been jailed for between six and eight years.

A judge asked the trio: "How can you sleep at night?" after hearing how they targeted 50 homeowners, carrying out shoddy work across 14 counties.

The men passed themselves off as experts in extensions, asking their targets for a deposit of at least 10 per cent of the cost.

When victims challenged them over the lack of progress, they were often threatened with legal action for breach of contract.

Gang leader Nicholas Harris, aged 45, was on Friday jailed for eight years, Mark Dixon, 43, was locked up for seven years and Matthew Higgins, 34, was given six years. All were found guilty by a jury of conspiracy to defraud.

A victim in Oldbury paid £19,800 for work on an extension started in 2007. A Halesowen couple paid out £21,000 for an extension and loft conversion. Only around £5,500 worth of work was completed.

One victim in Wednesfield paid £14,000 for a single storey extension to his house which was never finished.

Sentencing the three Gloucester men at Bristol Crown Court, Judge David Ticehurst said their "lies and deception" had left customers with buildings exposed to the elements, walls falling down, sewer pipes broken and calls unreturned.

### Deliberate

A boy with cerebral palsy had to sleep on an airbed because Harris and his accomplices had let them down, he said.

Judge Ticehurst asked: "How can you sleep at night? This was deliberate and planned."

Detective Chief Insp David Sellwood said: "The substantial sentences show how seriously the courts take this kind of cynical operation."

"It is tempting to call these men cowboy builders but really they are criminals, pure and simple."

# Pre-school plea

Happy Valley Pre School Pre-school teacher Karen Wardel with youngsters Kerian Nevillie, Neve Wright and Laura Meakin on the area they hope to turn into an outdoor classroom

BUSINESSES in Sandwell are being asked to help a school in their quest to create an outdoor classroom.

Happy Valley pre-school group need £8,000 to fund the scheme, which would include a garden for the children.

Pupils at the school currently only have a long, thin strip of concrete to use whenever they go outside.

So far a school fete and raffle has raised £1,000, while West Bromwich Building Society donated another £1,000, leaving the project £6,000 short.

Happy Valley Pre-School is at Gayton Road in West Bromwich.

Parent committee member, Helen Baker, urged residents and businesses to help the pre-school reach their total.

### Construction

"The idea is to keep children safe in an outdoor environment," she said.

"We'd really appreciate any cash donations, or if anyone can help with construction of the outdoor classroom that would be fantastic."

Contact the school on 0121 588 6211.

# Folk guests at choir concert

WARLEY Male Choir are in concert at the Barlow Theatre in Langley, Oldbury, on Saturday, February 5, at 7 pm. Special guests of the choir are folk group Fairfield.

Admission is priced at £8. For tickets contact Mr Keri Morgan on (0121) 544 6695.

### Symphony

The choir will also be taking part in the St George's Day choral concert at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

The choir was formed in Smethwick in 1943 by a group of Air Raid Wardens who wanted to continue friendships made during the war.

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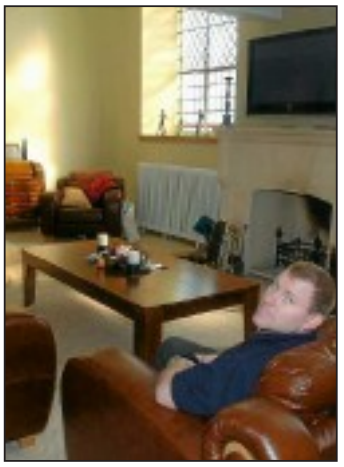
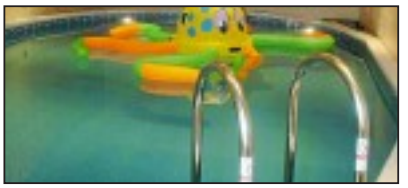
## A broken marriage, two heart attacks, shoulder operations and now cancer – but no regrets



No regrets – Dean Marks relaxes in the living room of his Grand Designs featured home

The church in 2005 before Dean started work

How it looks now after years of effort



The home's indoor swimming pool

The kitchen worktops are made from the church pews

One of the four bathrooms at Dean's property

# Dean pays price for creating £1m home

WHEN Dean Marks first set eyes on St Martin's Church in Tipton it was like a revelation.

He had been a looking for a big development project and this was it.

His quest to turn the 18th century Grade II-listed building into a beautiful family home was even featured on television's Grand Designs and was hailed by presenter of the Channel Four show Kevin McCloud as "inspiring".

But the work involved has taken its toll. Mr Marks has suffered two heart attacks and been through a divorce.

Former partner Hilary, who he married in 2002, never ended up moving in to the luxury home and they formally split in 2007. And, according to Dean, his devotion to the project may have played a part.

Mr Marks, who shares the home with his 15-year-old daughter Abbie, says the two heart attacks were both caused by exhaustion from the build.

He has also had several operations to repair bone and ligament damage to his shoulder through work and undergone radiotherapy to combat testicular cancer – something he is still battling.

### Trying

Despite the personal traumas – including having to put up CCTV to stop repeated attacks on the property by vandals and thieves – and even though his dream home is still not complete, the 40-year-old builder insists he has no regrets.

"Yes it's got to be worth it," he says. "Where else am I going to go when I've got a house like mine? I would not do anything differently. I always wanted to buy and live in this house. If people chose to move away from what I was doing that was their choice."

He adds: "I don't know if I'm obsessed.

"When you're trying to build a family home and have to concentrate on it, then yes, to an extent I probably was. But not so much that I put my family completely to one side.

"I admit I worked hard on it. I did not have a large amount of quality time with Hilary but that was a small price to pay." Mr Marks used to live in a three-bedroomed semi-detached home in Seven Acres Road, Halesowen.

But he took the plunge and bought the derelict St Martin's Church, based in Lower Church Lane, for £12,750 in 1999.

"I had always dreamt of living in something that was different to everyone else," he says. "So one day, on the spur of the moment, I went to Lichfield Diocese and asked if there were any redundant churches for sale.

"The next day I had a phone call about a large derelict building in Tipton that needed a lot of work. Straight away I said 'yes'. I went to have a look and put an offer in the very next morning."

It took four-and-a-half years to persuade Sandwell Council to grant building permission but he was finally able to start work in 2005.

The project was a big one. He installed 11 miles worth of cabling for electrics and three-and-a-half miles worth of pipes for heating.

Despite the size of the project renovation work on St Martin's Manor House cost just £110,000, but Mr Marks says the luxury property is now valued at £1,265,000.

It has five-bedrooms and four bathrooms and there is an indoor swimming pool, gym and library.

Units in the kitchen have been created using the church's original pews. Original stained-glass windows and memorial plaques have also been restored and incorporated.

At the top of the property there is a glass observatory which, on a clear day, provides views as far as Lichfield Cathedral.

It took the producers of two attempts to encourage Mr Marks to be featured.

"I initially declined to take part in the programme because I thought it might be too intrusive," he says. "But when they asked again I changed my mind because I knew it would give me the motivation to continue the project and get it done.

"I did not have any regrets about doing it.

### Regular

By doing that programme I made the point that if you're motivated to make your dream a reality – to get up and work hard – it can be done. I'm a strong believer that if you want something enough you will get it."

Filming took place over 21 months and the show was eventually aired in April 2007. It was in the same month he had his first heart attack.

Mr Marks received cash for gaining the runners-up prize in the programme's national awards later that year and is a regular guest speaker at the Grand Design Live shows at the NEC.

And he is still in touch with the programme's presenter Kevin McCloud. "Kevin and I had a few disagreements at first," Mr Marks says. "He was saying I should use an architect but I pointed out I was on a working-class guy on a budget and that it would cost too much. But we got on and I still speak to him from time to time."

McCloud has said of the project: "You know I've never been so divided over a project.

"On the one hand it broke my heart to see so much of the character, the integrity of this place disappear, to be replaced by some pretty hideous features and a rather clunky layout. On the other Hilary and Dean's commitment to this project has been inspiring.

"The risks they have taken have been extraordinary and remember this; without them none of this glass would have been restored. In fact in 10 years time this place might even have fallen to pieces. So whether or not you or I like what Dean has done, thanks to him this place is still here."

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# Sat nav thief gets a suspended sentence as 'one last chance'

A PROLIFIC sat nav thief who admitted breaking into cars on 12 separate occasions to raise money to buy drugs has been spared spared an immediate jail term.

Lithuanian Paulius Rumsevicus, aged 22, of Lodge Road in West Bromwich, was handed a 12-week sentence suspended for a year after he pleaded guilty to two thefts from motor vehicles – and asked for a further 10 similar matters to be taken into consideration.

He was not ordered to pay compensation to any of his victims, nor the prosecution costs as magistrates decided to give him "one last chance".

Warley Magistrates Court heard Rumsevicus stole a Tom Tom sat nav worth £50 on September 17 last year, belonging to Mr Gurjit Singh Dulay.

And on October 28 Rumsevicus stole a Tom Tom sat nav worth £300, belonging to Jacek Dziekanowski.

## Work

Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting, said: "Mr Dulay parked his white Vauxhall on Herbert Street in West Bromwich and returned 15 minutes later to find his sat nav stolen from his glove box.

"On October 28 the victim left his car on Victoria Street in West Bromwich and returned 25 minutes later to find his passenger window smashed and his sat nav stolen. The cost of the damage was unknown."

Miss Hale added that Rumsevicus has recently completed a 16-week sentence for theft from a motor vehicle and handling stolen goods.

Mr Paul Selby, defending, said: "He wants to address his drug problems and find work. He has pleaded guilty at the first opportunity."

Sentencing, chairman of the bench Dave Walker said: "We find these matters so serious only custody can be justified.

"But we will give you a suspended sentence for 12 months to give you one last chance."

Thief – Paulius Rumsevicus

# Borough has someone new to shout about

SELF-employed health and safety advisor Adrian Holmes has officially been appointed Town Crier for Sandwell.

The 56-year-old father-of-two is now the "voice of the borough" after auditioning outside Sandwell Council House in Oldbury.

Sandwell Council Leader Councillor Darren Cooper hit on the idea of having an official town crier earlier this year.

He said: "Some people may see this as some kind of joke but I am serious. I want to promote the image and profile of Sandwell to the widest audience.

"Adrian was an excellent candidate and has a wide knowledge of the history of the borough."

Adrian, of Waddington Road, Great Barr, gave a cry that was clear, concise and – above all – loud. And he started off as all good town crier's should do with: "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

"Good people come closer and let me tell, of my borough in the Midlands by the name of Sandwell, Twas formed in the year nineteen seventy four, by the joining of two county boroughs that are no more"

## Delighted

A delighted Adrian said: "I just felt that I wanted to help promote the borough where I have lived for the last 30 years. Mr family is a little surprised by my new role but they are all proud of me."

The volume needed meant Adrian could not practice at home. "I had to think about the neighbours, so I would rehearse in the car as I was driving along."

# Exercise sessions at 50 plus

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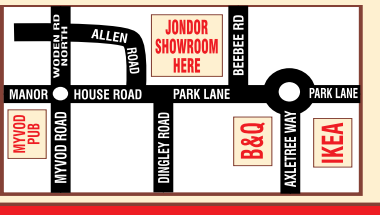


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# Show may contain nuts

A BLACK Country theatre group is taking its best-loved characters on the road for a comedy show tour of the West Midlands.

The Fizzog Theatre Company will launch its May Contain Nuts tour at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre, in Chester Road North, on March 3. They will be joined on all nights by comedienne Barbara Nice, who has appeared in both Phoenix Nights and Coronation Street.

Shows will also be held at Stourbridge Town Hall on March 4, Birmingham's Crescent Theatre on March 5, The Old Post Office, Wednesbury, on March 18 and Oldbury's Barlow Playhouse on March 24. The tour will conclude at the Hardwicke Theatre, Thorns Community College, Quarry Bank, on March 31 and April 1.

Fizzog founder members Deb Nicholls, Sue Hawkins and Jacky Fellows will be performing the selection of comedy sketches.

School for scoundrels – Fizzog Theatre Company trio Deb Nicholls, Sue Hawkins and Jacky Fellows go back to class for their next tour

# Shake-up of NHS branded 'insane' by a borough GP

A SANDWELL GP has branded the proposed changes to the NHS as "insane".

The Health and Social Care Bill will allow family doctors to get control of most of the NHS budget from 2013.

Dr Ann Jaron, a GP at Sherwood House Medical Practice in Sandon Road, Edgbaston, which is run by Sandwell Primary Care Trust, said: "I think the whole thing is insane.

"The GPs should certainly have had more input but that didn't mean full scale re-organisation.

"Really, just having a few GPs on the board of PCTs would have probably been enough and then it is a better way of connecting with the wider body of GPs.

"I think most GPs will not relish having to take on this major administrative role and very few of us have that kind of management qualification or experience."

Dr Jaron, who is also a Labour councillor for the Abbey ward in Sandwell, added: "I think it is unnecessary, I think that there are issues which could have been dealt with without major re-organisation.

"I suspect and awful lot of GPs don't want to do this."

Dr Satya Sharma, who is based at Bilston Health Centre in Prouds Lane and has been a family doctor in Wolverhampton since 1981, added: "The GPs that I represent want to do the best they can with NHS services.

"They do not want to see the end of the NHS and the proposed privatisation of some of these services is causing a lot of concern."

But Health Secretary Andrew Lansley said the move was not as radical as some claimed and promised that essential services would be protected and GPs supported.

## Necessity

Speaking after the bill was laid in Parliament, Mr Lansley accepted there were "new and distinctive" elements but said it was more about evolution, as it built on many of the changes introduced by Labour.

He said: "Modernising the NHS is a necessity, not an option, in order to meet rising need in the future we need to make changes."

Under the plans, family doctors working in consortia will take on responsibility for "buying in" the bulk of hospital and community services for their patients.

In the process, all 151 primary care trusts (PCTs) and strategic health authorities will be disbanded.

# Moped rider facing ban after riding on pavement

A MOPED rider who narrowly missed a mother and her pushchair may lose his licence.

Darren Eagles, aged 18, of Dorsett Road, Friar Park, Wednesbury, was found guilty in his absence at Warley Magistrates Court.

Mr Peter Love, prosecuting, said police saw him on a moped with a friend, 17, who cannot be named for legal reasons, on an off-road motorcycle with no registration on September 22. An officer saw Eagles and the co-accused turn into Woden Road South, swerve in and out of traffic and ride on the pavement before going back on the road. Both were seen riding on the pavement again on William Green Road. The officer tried to stop them but they rode onto the grass and "narrowly missed" a mother and her pushchair.

Eagles was charged with driving other than in accordance with a licence, without third party insurance and a test certificate, without due care and attention and failing to stop when required by a constable. Magistrates considered matters proven and said they were considering disqualification. The case was adjourned until tomorrow (Friday). His co-accused will be dealt with separately.

## In perfect harmony for charities

A male voice choir is to perform in aid of Sandwell mayor's charity appeal next month.

Tickets are on sale for the concert by the Walsall Harmonic Male Voice Choir at 7.30pm on Saturday, February 12 at the Hallam Street, Methodist Church, West Bromwich. Tickets are available at £4 by telephoning 0121 569 3041.


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# Archives on show in summer festival

OLD documents and photographs will go on display during this summer's Sandwell Arts Festival.

Local historians have met at the archives base in Smethwick Library in High Street to discuss the best ways of displaying material belonging to Sandwell Community History and Archives Service.

Terry Daniels, from Langley Local History Society, said: "This was the first meeting to try to get a group of people together to look at new ways of exhibiting the archives to make displays more exciting and innovative.

## Exhibition

"It is all about letting people know what we have within the archive service and where we are, so that people will use the service.

"We are planning a big exhibition in July as part of Sandwell Arts Festival."

The work is being carried out as part of a wider project, entitled Forging Links.

The exhibitions will focus on the extensive archives of local companies including world-famous former Smethwick firm Chances Glass.

Sandwell Council took possession of the historic company's 1,059 cubic feet of archives in 2007.

From left to right, Dave Evetts from Smethwick, history student Joanne Taylor, Forging Links project lead artist Julian Walker, and chairman Terry Daniels

# Decision delayed on £20m power station

A QUESTION mark is over plans for a £20 million nappy-fuelled power plant in West Bromwich after a planning decision on the project was deferred.

The development, which would turn nappy waste into energy, would bring 95 jobs to the borough.

Officers recommended that Sandwell's planning committee approve the plan, subject to conditions.

However, last week councillors opted to delay their decision for a month over concerns about the impact on air quality.

Members will now visit the site of the proposed development before making a decision.

The power plant would be based in Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

London-based Verus Energy wants to build the facility on land next to an existing £12m nappy recycling centre.

If approved, it will produce enough electricity to supply 17,000 homes.

However, concerns were raised over emissions.

Environmental health officer Bob Lloyd said the area already suffers poor air quality caused by traffic on the nearby M5 and said the facility would emit nitrogen dioxide.

"This could make an area already experiencing a high level of pollution worse," he said.

## Chimney

The department has already spoken to the firm, which plans to heighten a chimney stack from 121ft to 135ft.

But environmental health officers still believe the development will compound problems in the area, where nitrogen dioxide levels are already "unacceptable".

The new recycling centre would be near to the established Knowaste nappy recycling centre at land leased from Giffords Wood Recycling.

According to bosses the new plant would create 20 new skilled jobs as well as 75 jobs during the construction phase of the build.

Under the scheme, thousands of tons of used nappies would be processed to provide energy and to to prevent them going to landfill.

# Ring and Ride in crisis

A LIFELINE transport service used by thousands of Black Country pensioners is facing a £900,000 budget black hole.

Elderly and disabled people may be charged to use the Ring and Ride service in the future, or the number of trips may be cut to try to plug the gap.

Taxpayers paid £12 million to help keep the service on the road this year. But the seven West Midlands councils that fund the service have had to cut back on the amount they pay while fuel costs have soared.

Ring and Ride operates around two million trips a year in the region.

Passengers book their journey over the phone giving details of where they want to be picked up and taken to, and the time they want to travel.

Bosses at West Midlands Special Needs Transport, the charity which operates Ring and Ride, and the transport authority Centro, which funds the service with money from the councils, are now appealing to passengers to help decide how to make those savings.

More than 30,000 users are being sent a questionnaire asking them to vote for one of two options. The first is to make an eight per cent reduction in the number of trips being run.

The alternative is to introduce charges in the form of either an annual membership fee of £36 – the equivalent of 69p a week – or a single trip fare of 60p.

The service, launched in 1983, is currently free for those with a senior citizen's or disabled person's pass, while others pay the equivalent of a local bus fare.

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Pupils and teachers in 1911, the school's first year

Sun shines through the window of a classroom in the 1950s where the pupils are hard at work

Pupils old and new with centenary celebration organiser Ken Gorst, MP Adrian Bailey and head Mick Murphy

# Lessons in 100 years of learning

Pupils in the 1950s line up for school dinners

A pupil puts the finishing touches to a model cocoa village that was made for a school project

The 1961 school football team which went on to beat Moat Farm 6-0 in a famous performance

FORMER pupils of an Oldbury school celebrating its centenary year have been sharing memories of years gone by.

Rounds Green Primary School has been marking the 100-year milestone by inviting old pupils, some of whom were students back in the 1920s, into school to talk about its history.

Old photographs and logbooks have been unearthed by the school and former pupils and teachers to show today's youngsters how times have changed.

One photograph, dating back to 1929, shows Ernest Albert Massey in a motorbike sidecar ready to take part in a fancy dress parade. Pictured aged eight, Earnest is the uncle of current Sandwell Mayor, Pauline Hinton. He was at Rounds Green from 1929-32.

Mr Massey was killed in action in the Second World War. As part of their work for the centenary youngsters from the school have been studying his life.

Other photographs show pictures of youngsters at their desks in the 1950s, with sunlight streaming through the windows as well as other faded black and white snaps of lunch breaks, school projects and puppet shows.

The successful 1961 school football team is shown on one of the pictures, after triumphing over nearby Moat Farm 6-0.

As part of the celebrations the school dug out old logbooks dating back to 1887, when Rounds Green was at its former site in Chapel Street.

The books include entries marking the first day at school's current home in Brades Road on January 11, 1911.

## Different

Foundation teacher and senior manager Ken Gorst said: "Each of our classes had been learning about a different decade and we had pupils and teachers who were at the school at that time to tell them what it was like.

"The oldest person we had through the doors was a 94-year-old lady named Ethel Turner, but there is also a 99-year-old lady living nearby who went to the school in 1916. She was unable to come into school, but has recorded her memories onto a DVD.

"Visitors also brought in old photographs and school reports to show to current pupils during the event."

Records kept by the school show the land for the building cost just £600 and the number of pupils attending in 1911 was 1,060, almost three times the 380 currently on the register.

Youngsters have been gathering photographs, drawings and poems to put into a time capsule.

They are also working with former Dexys Midnight Runners star Mickey Billingham to record a CD of songs from every decade the school has been in existence.

These include It's a Long Way to Tipperary, written by Oldbury man Jack Judge in 1912, You'll Never Walk Alone, from 1945 and Heartbeat from 1958.

Once recorded they will be released as a CD, which will be sold to raise cash for the school's Centenary Fund.

Pupils Courtney Molnar, aged 11, Hannah Hipkiss and Elizabeth Burrell, both 10, with former pupil Ethel Turner, 94


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# On target for bowls league

Clockwise from back, activities co-ordinator Conroy Williams, Jasmine Heir, coach Pete Rose, Betty Rathbone, Ivy Williams, Rajinder Sidhu, Jean Field and Charlie Lawerence

A NEW bowls social league for the over-50s has just begun in Smethwick.

Games are being held at Hadley Stadium every Friday afternoon.

The sports centre already runs leagues for indoor bowling clubs but the new league will be for individuals and pairs.

Sandwell Leisure Trust, which runs the centre in Waterloo Road, was recently awarded £10,000 from the lottery for new equipment which will be used by the club.

Jasmine Heir, physical activity development officer for the leisure trust, said: "These sessions have developed as a direct result of community consultation.

## Individuals

"We already have an indoor bowls league on Friday nights and Sundays but not everyone wants to join a team. This is why we wanted sessions where people could compete as individuals."

For details on the new league call Jasmine on 07825365550.

# Year to go as college prepares for its first students

THE first students will start at the new £77 million Sandwell College next January.

The build is due to be completed in November, when an official opening ceremony is planned, but it will be a further two months before the first of 10,000 students start studies at the building.

Work on the college in Spon Lane began in September 2009 but the scheme suffered from interruptions last year when the extreme winter weather caused problems, including high winds in November which delayed installation of steel arches.

College bosses say that work is progressing on schedule. An official opening is due in November.

However, they said they will wait until the first term of 2012 to move the students in, so as not to disturb their studies.

Sandwell College Vice-Principal Scott Upton said: "Building work is progressing very well despite the recent bad weather conditions and we're still on track for construction to be completed by the winter.

"We will be welcoming the first students into the new college the term after."

## Campus

Work on the inside of the building has begun. With the external framework largely in place, teaching staff have been told they will soon be able to see how their classrooms will look in the new campus with work starting on a sample classroom. Lecturers will be able to visit and get an idea of how a typical classroom in their subject area will look.

Lighting has been installed inside the building to react to changing conditions, depending on how much natural daylight is flooding through the building. Special sensors enable the lights to switch themselves on and off as necessary to cut down on waste.

The state-of-the-art campus in Spon Lane will cater for 10,000 students and will replace the existing campuses in West Bromwich, Oldbury and Smethwick.

# Borough remembers victims of Nazi terror at solemn ceremony

Front from left, Tony Barnsley of Unison, Brian Freeth, Sandwell Mayor Pauline Hinton. Back from left Eddie Brown, Ian Jones, James Gilbert and John Evans

VICTIMS of the Holocaust were remembered at a fourth annual memorial event in West Bromwich.

The Royal British Legion paid their respects to the fallen, led by parade commander Eddie Brown.

A bugle sounded the last post and members raised standards in victims' honour at the High Street memorial gardens service.

Residents, councillors and members of nearby volunteer groups attended the service, which was led by Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Pauline Hinton.

Dave Allport, manager of the Rewind project at Sandwell Primary Care Trust spoke of a Holocaust survivor he had met and with whom he visited prison camp Auschwitz years later.

The survivor, Arek Hersh, from Leeds, lost 58 members of his family in the concentration camp. Mr Allport said Mr Hersh pointed out the spot at the camp where he last saw his mother as a young boy.

Cllr Hinton lit a candle of commemoration.


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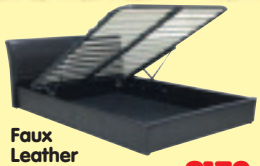

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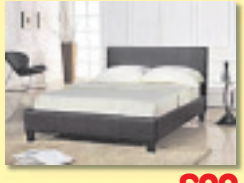

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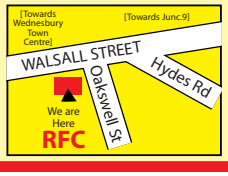


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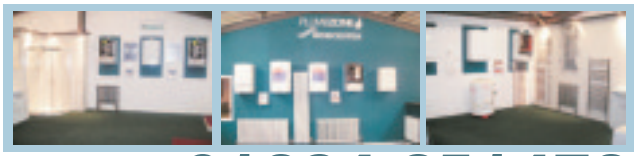

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# Performance at empty shop

Robert Warrington and Suzan Spence have written Black Country Blues

EXTRACTS from a play about the Black Country in 1985 are to be performed in an empty shop in West Bromwich today (Thursday).

Black Country Blues has been written by playwrights Suzan Spence from West Bromwich and Robert Warrington from Tipton. It will be performed in what was once a clothes shop as part of the 'Art in Queens Square' project.

"We were really keen to do something about the Black Country, " said Miss Spence, who lives in Black Lake.

"By having it in a shop we hope we will get people in who would not normally go to a theatre. It's not purpose built to be a theatre – it's a shop.

## Experience

"I have never put a play on in a shop before so it will be a good experience for the actors."

Miss Spence and Mr Warrington have been approved grants from Sandwell Council and the Arts Council to stage the performance, which will be held today between 1pm and 2pm followed by a writing workshop.

# Growth of firm set to create jobs

A TIPTON construction and haulage company is expanding its office space as it anticipates a turnover of £4 million next year, creating six new jobs.

Mac Surfacing and MC Transport, both based at the same site on Malthouse Road, will convert the rear of the building to include offices on the first floor and expand the workforce with new labourers and office workers.

Plans include creating a garage at the bottom of the firm's yard and recruiting a new mechanic.

The new building will be at the rear of the site with a new access to the side road.

Managing director Mark Copson, head of the construction side of the business, Mac Surfacing, and the haulage arm, MC Transport, for the past three years, said the the firm grew during the recession.

He said: "We've outgrown our yard space quickly and we've been growing throughout recession.

"This extension will be creating new jobs and we will be recruiting locally."

Both firms have been based at the site for six years. Mr Copson said there was extra demand for labour and office workers after the firm won high-profile road resurfacing contracts.

He added: "We've done work with high-profile contractors including Bardon Contracting, Lafarage Contracting and Semex Surfacing.

## Haulage

"We've also done work for Tarmac National Contracting. With the work we've got planned for next year, this should see our turnover for the two businesses past £4m."

The firm's construction arm does work including road resurfacing, civil engineering and labour hire while the haulage side includes heavy haulage.

A design and access statement submitted with plans states: "The buildings are to be used for offices and workshop for the maintenance of the plant and vehicles.

"The proposals are designed to blend in with the existing building and its surroundings. The existing access remains with an additional access to be provided for the new workshop."

The planning application has been granted permission, subject to architects being mindful of a foul sewer crossing the site and historic coal workings in the area when laying foundations.

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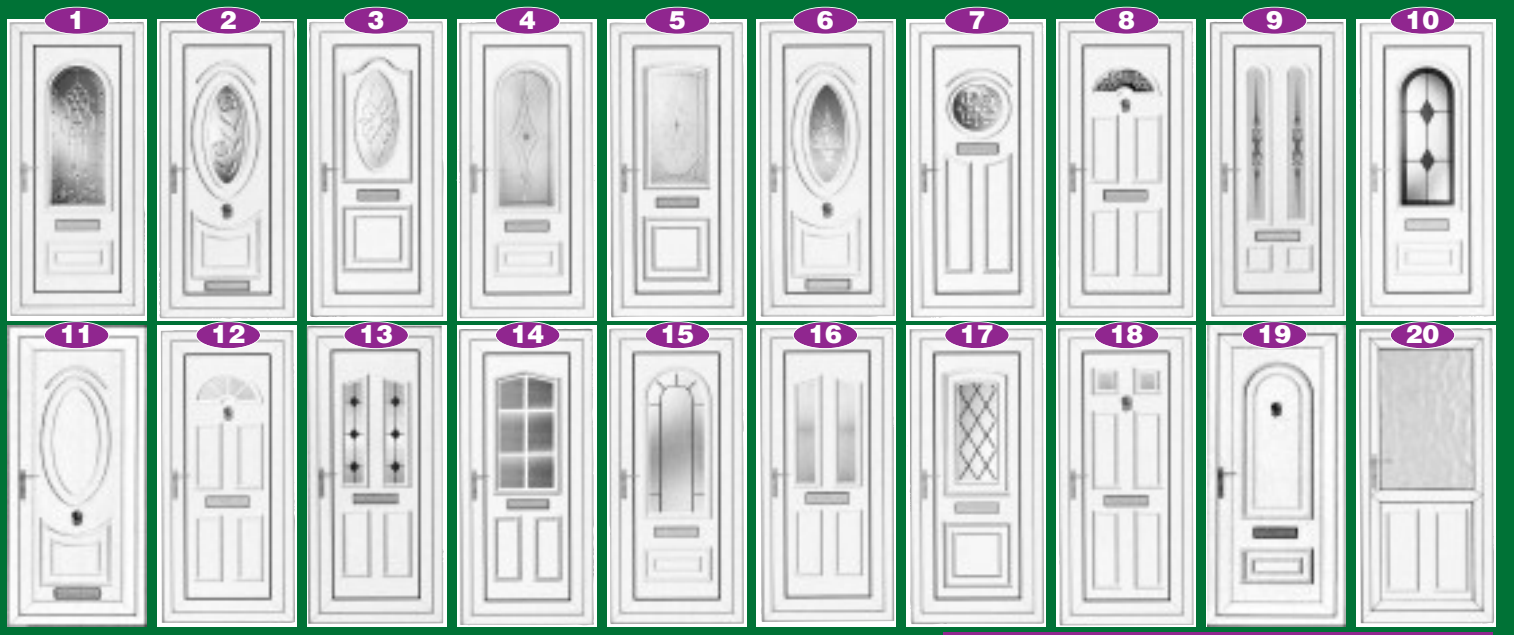


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# TV drama brings back memories of Hattie

MY wife watched Ruth Jones playing Hattie Jacques on BBC 4, plus some of the repeats of Sykes before the drama.

Sykes was the longest sitcom ever broadcast in BBC TV history and starred Deryck Guyler, Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques and Richard Wattis – a great team.

I wrote a biography about Richard Wattis a while back and Gary Morgan, the talented Wednesbury artist, painted a wonderful portrait of Richard, which now hangs proudly at Wednesbury Art Gallery.

Richard was a great friend and colleague of Hattie Jacques and starred with her in many TV , film and theatre productions such as the Old Mother Reilly and the Carry On films and in TV series like Sykes.

Eric Sykes was really pleased I had brought Richard's name and life into print between 2003 and 2005.

In the actors' church in Covent Garden (St Paul's) Hattie and Richard's tribute plaques are close by, which is apt because they were great friends.

Hattie Jacques

I am sure Hattie and Richard are smiling down intrigued that her name is in lights yet again.

**Ian Payne,**
**Thornbury Road,**
**Walsall**

# A maths puzzle at The Public

ARE my mathematics wrong?

Reading the article in the Chronicle dated January 20 about The Public making a small profit, I just can't believe it.

It said that the total income during the seven months leading up to last March was £1.382,498 but this is made up with £1.13 million in grants. This means the actual income is only £52,498.

It also stated that the total outgoings were £1.382,306. If this is so, then the £52,498 net income will pay off some of the £1.382,306 out goings.

Then my mathematics make it that it is £1.329,808 short, or in other words, it's in the red by that amount.

Well, Sandwell Councillors, we tax payers can't afford to keep feeding the elephant any longer. So stop it from suffering and put it out of its misery, put it down once and for all.

**John Melaire**
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# Two year tenancy recipe for disaster

AT last housing watchdogs are beginning to see the madness in David Cameron's two year tenancy in social housing.

It won't solve any of the problems but house asylum seekers and evict long term indigenous tenants. It'ss just another recipe for disaster. What's it going to do with the evicted tenants, give them cardboard box according to their needs.

Only someone who has never had a housing problem could come up with such a short sighted vision.

I was at the public debate where David Cameron fist mooted these ideas but he didn't take questions just rushed on to questions he wanted to answer.

A short tenancy will leave housing stock ruined. No one is going to decorate or lay down a garden for a two year stay. Council estates will be turned into ghettoes.

**S T Vaughan,**
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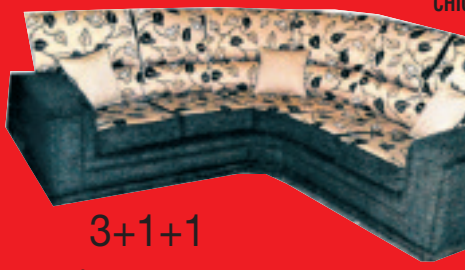

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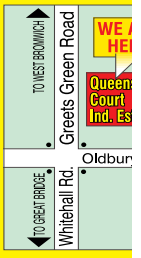


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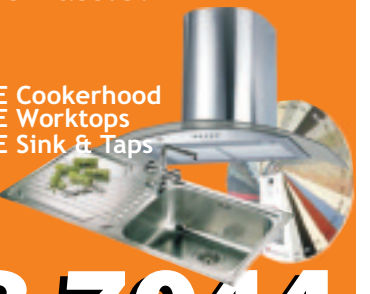

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Cafe owner Moznur Rahman, 40 – seen with daughter Samiha Rahman, aged two – who is donating money from takings to Sandwell Hospital funds

# Academy backed by governors

AN OUTSTANDING Sandwell school is set to gain freedom from council control after proposals to turn it into an academy were backed by governors.

Wood Green High School in Wednesbury will become the first academy of its kind in the borough since new legislation was introduced by the Government. It is hoped the school will open as an academy on March 1, subject to a funding agreement being approved by governors.

Headteacher Pank Patel, said: "Governors have given backing towards the school pursuing academy status.

"We are currently aiming now for March 1 to become an academy. It is pending a funding agreement that the governors need to look at.

## Opportunity

"It gives us a lot more flexibility about what we do and a lot more opportunity to change our curriculum.

"It gives us additional funding to help us to provide those additional opportunities and it does give us a lot more freedoms then we currently get under the local authority."

It is hoped becoming an academy could bring new revenue streams into the school in Wood Green Road which was left devastated after it had £12.3 million of Building Schools for the Future schemes axed.

# Restaurant boss says thank you to hospital

AN Oldbury cafe raised around £200 for Sandwell Hospital with a charity fundraising day.

The new owner of Cafe Massala, on Brades Road, wanted to thank staff for bringing his three children into the world.

Owner Moznur Rahman said: "I've done fundraisers in the past for Sandwell Hospital and I chose it because that's where my three children were born."

Mr Rahman, who owns a takeaway of the same name in Park Lane in Wednesbury, added: "My little son Abidur had speech therapy at the hospital as well and all the people he saw were very kind to him and helped him such a lot. They did a great job helping him. It's a great hospital."

Mr Rahman added he wanted to thank nurses especially for helping his wife Helena give birth to his youngest daughter Samiha, now two.

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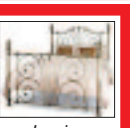
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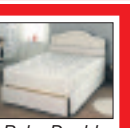
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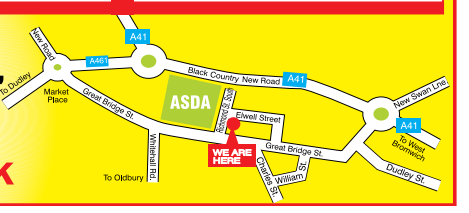

# MP and council boss to sleep on the street

WEST Bromwich East MP Tom Watson and Sandwell Council interim chief executive Jan Britton will sleep rough for charity as part of a YMCA appeal to raise awareness for youth homelessness.

They will be joined by Parpinder Dhatt, chairman of the council's voluntary organisations and chief executive of Sandwell Asian Family Support Service.

All participants, including some youngsters from George Salter Collegiate Academy, will have the opportunity to talk to YMCA residents about homelessness.

Mr Watson MP said: "This is a really good event for a very worthwhile cause."

The event will be tomorrow (Friday) night at an undisclosed location in Oldbury.

# Postman stole cash from letters

A POSTMAN who worked in the Black Country for 23 years has admitted opening mail and stealing the cash inside.

Glen Miller, of Scafell Way, West Bromwich, was caught after bosses gave him dummy envelopes and spied him opening them.

Miller, aged 44, was based at the Lyng Lane delivery office since 1986. He admitted opening 15 packages over a six-month period last year.

He also pleaded guilty at Warley Magistrates' Court to a second charge of theft.

John Dunn, prosecuting, said bosses at Royal Mail became suspicious of Miller after another member of staff saw him remove a greeting card from a box.

On September 23 they gave him four test packages in large coloured envelopes and spied on him during his round.

Miller was spotted opening one of the packages and when he was apprehended three of the other packages were also found to be open.

In interview, Miller admitted opening the packages to look for cash.

## Financial

He said he had opened 15 other packages between March 24 and September 26 last year. He said during that time he had taken £40 in total.

Ranjit Vains, defending, suggested the defendant had been experiencing financial difficulties after splitting with his wife.

District Judge Michael Wheeler warned Miller a custodial sentence would be considered.

He said: "these are serious matters."

Glen Miller

Sentencing was adjourned until yesterday (Wednesday) for reports.

# Sour note as thieves take band's transport

A GREAT Barr marching band is appealing for help to recover its van and equipment which were stolen from outside a pub.

Beeches Cadets have been forced to put rehearsals on hold.

The vehicle and contents, worth thousands of pounds, were stolen from outside the Beeches pub, in Thornbridge Avenue, Great Barr.

The 40-strong US-style youth marching band, which relies on the Ford Cargo van to transport equipment and instruments to shows and displays, faces having to raise thousands to replacing it.

The group's instruments, worth £30,000, were not inside the van when it was taken on Sunday, January 16.

Andrew Dallison, band corps director, said: "We have had the van almost 12 months and we have always parked it at the Beeches pub.

Beeches Cadets with their van which has since been stolen

"They very kindly let us park it at the front so everybody could see it and this kind of thing wouldn't happen.

## CCTV

"We don't have any idea what time, we are trying to find out and police are looking at CCTV.

"Hopefully someone has abandoned it and not torched it."

The Ford Cargo box van has a red cab and white body and the registration C891 GTW.

Andrew, aged 42, of Coseley, said the group had raised cash for the van, which cost £1,800 and stored harnesses and props worth around £2,000.

He added: "The kids are really disappointed and have sent messages to their friends and friends of the band via Facebook.

"It will affect rehearsals and we haven't got the funds to replace it. Even with the insurance money we are not going to be able to recoup everything."

Anyone with information is urged to call West Midlands Police on 03845 113 5000 or Andrew on 0778 625 4051.

Reverend Pat Horton (centre) with Human Resources Manager Del Radway (left) and Chairman of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Sue Davis

# Hospital chaplain retires

SANDWELL Hospital chaplain has retired after more than 20 years leading the chaplaincy.

Reverend Pat Horton said goodbye to colleagues and friends of all faiths at a special service of thanksgiving held in the hospital chapel.

The celebrations continued in Hallam Street Methodist Church, close to the hospital.

"I have loved it here," she said. "It has given me the chance to be able to meet people at crisis points in their life, no matter whether they have a church or a faith commitment or not, and recognise them as someone who needs support and care.

"Through the years of my ministry, I felt a burning need to be able to meet people who are on the fringes."

Rev Horton thanked her colleagues and those in the churches she served.

Before coming to the Black Country, she was a minister at churches in Newark-on-Trent in Nottinghamshire and Horsham in Sussex.

"I've been at Sandwell since 1983 and when I first came here I was also the minister of Hallam Street Methodist Church. I've been here full time since," she explained.

## Appreciation

Speaking at the service, Chairman of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, Sue Davis, praised the work of the chaplaincy at Sandwell, City and Rowley Regis hospitals.

She said: "The chaplaincy is an example of a team that has always worked together across all faiths in the Trust.

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Marion Jones at Haden Hill Leisure Centre

# Marion finds getting fit can be lots of fun

A CUSTOMER at Haden Hill Leisure Centre says regular exercise is helping her prepare for a major operation.

Marion Jones said: "I have been a Gold member at Haden Hill Leisure Centre for a few weeks now and I always look forward to my visits to the gym and especially the Thursday morning Aquafit session."

Haden Hill Leisure Centre is a Sandwell Leisure Trust facility, located on Barrs Road, Cradley Heath.

Marion said: "I will be having knee replacement surgery in 2012, so I decided to get fit and slim, reducing my calorie intake and exercise are getting me towards my goal.

"I have my own business, which can be extremely stressful, but I know that Natalie the instructor's Aquafit session will be heaps of fun and hard work.

## Enjoy

"No matter how wet and windy the weather is, I never miss a session and I recommend her session to everyone and anyone.

"I really enjoy using the gym as the advice I was given is really helping me to build up my leg muscles in preparation for my surgery and the weight loss will ensure that I will have a good recovery."

Further details on local sport, health and fitness facilities are available in Sandwell can be found on the website www.slt-leisure.co.uk.

# New cafe society is for carers and folk with dementia

A HOUSING association is launching a new £50,000 service that will set up special cafes across Sandwell to support people with dementia and their carers.

Accord will unite with other organisations in the borough to host the Dementia Cafes, which will bring people with dementia, their families and health professionals together. The first cafe will be held at Accord's Swallowfields Extra Care Scheme in Tipton tomorrow (Friday) from 2pm to 4pm and will feature a yoga session, information and advice about dementia plus free refreshments.

Nicole Beeching, Health and Wellbeing Manager at Accord, said: "The great thing about these cafes is that everyone there has an awareness of dementia, so visitors don't have to worry or feel embarrassed. Instead they can relax in a friendly and warm environment with people in similar positions to themselves.

"This opportunity to socialise, and get help and support, is vitally important to people with dementia and their carers as many of them become socially isolated."

Monica Shafaq, Chief Executive of Sandwell Mind said: "More than 800,000 people in the UK live with dementia, so it's vitally important that people with the condition get the help and support they need. It's great to be working with Accord to help run the Dementia Cafes and provide a service that we hope will give people in Sandwell the chance to access the advice and support that they need."

The two-hour long sessions will be hosted monthly at venues in West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Oldbury, Tipton, Rowley Regis and Smethwick at different times, including during evenings and weekends.

For more information call Nicole Beeching on 0300 111 7000 or 07818 840 982, or email nicoleb@accordha.org.uk

# Prison for man after attack on colleague

A SMETHWICK man who fractured a colleague's jaw by hitting him with a steering wheel lock has been jailed for a year.

Mohammed Ali, of Claremont Road, was angry that Tahir Hussain got his job after he was demoted at a pizza parlour in Bristol Road, Birmingham.

Mark Heywood, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court Ali repeatedly asked his victim to give him his job back but he refused and the 22-year-old "planned his revenge."

Ali met Mr Hussain in Londonderry Lane, Langley, after saying he needed to talk to him. That is when he hit him, punching and kicking him too.

As a result Mr Hussain had to have surgery to insert a plate and wires to hold his jaw together. Ali admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm yesterday.

Mr Tim Harrington, defending, said he acted completely out of character.

## Search for young stars

THE hunt is on to find young people in Sandwell who are community stars.

The Sandwell Teenagers Achieve Recognition accolades, now in their fourth year, celebrates the work and dedication of teenagers.

Professionals working with young people should nominate teenagers who deserve recognition for achievements.

To nominate visit www.justyouth.org.uk before February 11.

# Net gain as young cricketers practice

Twins Archie and William Corcoran, aged eight, of Willenhall, with other youngsters who took part in the West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club session

YOUNG cricketers dusted off kit bags which had been stored away since the summer for the start of winter net practice.

Youngsters had their first chance to try out new bats and balls given to them at Sandwell Academy. The Halfords Lane school played host to youngsters taking part in West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club's annual winter coaching programme, which started at the weekend.

The 12-week course runs over Saturdays and Sundays to hone the talents of members of the club's youth section and newcomers to the sport and the club itself. Sessions run on Saturdays for under 10s, under 11s and under 15s, with training for under 13s and under 17s on Sundays. Players can have the benefit of 10 qualified coaches as well as a bowling machine from the school.

David Davies, trustee of the club, said: "The sessions are completely open. We contact every school in Sandwell to try to attract new members."

The club, for which England coach Andy Flower played at the beginning of his career, has around 100 youth members.

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# Magic, music and mirth as Lenny goes on tour

Comic Lenny Henry is hitting the road for a stand-up tour – Cradle To Rave – a journey that's guaranteed to strike a chord with local

DETERMINED to put the magic back into his life, comic Lenny Henry performed a new t rick for the New Year – he began his new Saturday night show The Magicians – an experience which drew an illusory line under a tough time.

"My sister-in-law died, my brother-in-law died, my mum passed away, my niece died and my nephew died. Plus my marriage ended," the Dudley-born comic says frankly.

The 52-year-old comedian, whose divorce from Dawn French was finalised in October, says that during those years he threw himself into work – and studying.

He achieved an MA in screenwriting from Royal Holloway last summer, is now starting a PhD and has been commissioned to write a film about basketball.

He's also in talks to tread the boards again after his acclaimed turn as Othello in 2009, is presenting the new BBC One show The Magicians and is about to start his first stand-up tour for three years, Lenny Henry: Cradle To Rave – which stops off in his home town of Dudley on February 2.

So when does he have time to sleep?

## Reservations

"That's what my wife said! It's very tough, but my daughter understands and my wife has been very supportive," he says, referring to his marriage in the present tense, although the couple are no longer together.

"All these things are about applied time – using time to get better at it," he adds.

Henry admits he had reservations about taking on the role of host of The Magicians, mainly because he's about to embark on his stand-up tour.

"I went to meet the producer prepared not to do this show because I'm going on a 67-date tour. But I was sitting in this lunch meeting and by dessert, I was like, 'I think I'm doing a magic show'."

Filming in front of a 500-strong audience on a specially constructed stage at Pinewood Studios appealed to the little boy inside Henry, who was "far too lazy and poor" to buy magic books as a child.

"I can't believe how much I like magic – it's embarrassing. Paul Daniels does this elephant vanishing trick you can see on Youtube, it's phenomenal!"

As a young comic, Henry had the opportunity to work with the magician for two weeks: "He wasn't the slightly naff Paul Daniels you know now, he was a really hip comedian – comedian first, magician second, but a brilliant magician. He had great funny lines and was very skilful."

Magic is so much a part of Henry's life that he almost used it as the theme for his new stand-up show, but it lost out narrowly to music.

Called Cradle To Rave, the show, charts his relationship to music and the impact it's had on him.

"Music has consumed me throughout my life," he says, admitting to having 28 days' worth of music on his iPod.

"It's been there at every juncture, from going to the Priory for a week – the canteen's like Stars In Their Eyes – to my mum dying and my parents never singing lullabies to me when I was a kid, mainly because my dad was really miserable. The crux of the show is that I was always too busy 'playing' to learn the piano or magic tricks.

"I was a child of the Sixties and Seventies and it's amazing how good those decades were for music," he adds. "We had the Beatles and the Stones. What have we got now? Tinchy Stryder. I like him, but he's no Otis Redding."

To make amends for his errant childhood, Henry has been learning to play the piano for the past decade.

"I started on the same day as my daughter when I was 40 and she was seven. She wouldn't sit at the piano, she wouldn't talk to the teacher, she would lie on the floor and do anything but play the piano. But now she can play anything, she's got a beautiful voice and I'm still going, 'Is that an F? That's a flat'."

Lenny Henry: Cradle To Rave comes to Dudley Concert Hall on February 2 and Wolverhampton Civic on March 10.



# An app to save on food bills

EXPERTS at the University of Wolverhampton have developed a new smartphone application that helps households reduce the food they waste.

'Consume Within' is able to track the expiry dates of shop bought and home made items. The Apple iPhone application has been developed at the award-winning Caparo Innovation Centre (CIC), a partnership between the university and the Caparo group of companies, based at Wolverhampton Science Park.

Using the app, food items can be allocated quickly and easily to three different locations – fridge, freezer or cupboard – and their expiry dates set individually. The user can choose a photo to go with the item, and a special bar-code type sticker if they wish, to make the item easy to identify at a later date. The app then alerts users of the foods that are about to expire within the next three days and displays them by location or as a list. The special stickers can be obtained from the Consume Within website, where there is also a free downloadable sample sheet to try them out.

Consume Within is suitable for monitoring the best-before dates for all food items, from fruit and vegetables through to meat, dairy, cans and jars. It can also be used to track a number of other items such as toiletries, cosmetics, sun lotions and medications.

Andrew Pollard, Industrial Professor at the CIC, said: "Reducing food waste is a major issue. It costs the average family with children £830 per year and has serious environmental implications too. In the UK 8.3 million tonnes of food is thrown away by households each year. This app will help you save money, save the planet – and keep your fridge tidy."

The application is available now to download from Apple iTunes. The Lite version is free and allows users to monitor up to four items at a time, while the full version can monitor an unlimited number of items.

SOON fans of pop stars will not only be able to show their devotion by wearing a button badge, they will be able to plug earphones into the badge to hear their favourite music too.

The forthcoming badge-like Playbutton MP3 player will carry one album's worth of music, have controls on the back (alongside the pin) to play and skip tracks and adjust the sound quality. It will contain a rechargeable Li-ion battery for up to five hours of continuous playback.

Each 1.7-inch diameter Playbutton badge will contain one album's worth of 320kbps MP3 tracks on its flash memory and, of course, artwork on the badge front to tell you what music is featured.

On the bottom of the badge is a 3.5mm jack that's used to connect both the earphones and USB charging cable. There will be no track deletion, modification, uploading or downloading allowed. But that's not an issue for the makers who are hoping that the badge will get a niche for providing musical exclusives, though the labels or artists could always make their tracks downloadable for other players.

The device is due to come out in America next month and will be priced between $20 and $30 (around £13 to £20).

A GERMAN teenager known as Deniz A and his 23-year-old accomplice managed to hack into the personal computers of Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake and Ke$ha.

Upon infiltrating the computers with a Trojan horse virus, the hackers stole and sold the artists' unfinished songs online. Over the course of 12 months, they allegedly pocketed over $13,000.

Now the 18-year-old hacker, who looks likely to end up in a German court, has published a letter in Germany's Bild newspaper, in which he apologises to the musicians he targeted. He blames his rampant "ambition" for getting the best of him. "Dear Lady Gaga," the letter begins. "I am ashamed of what I have done. I did not think about the consequences."

ACCORDING to the New York Times, Apple's iPad is starting to replace text books in America's schools, starting – aptly enough – in the Big Apple.

In a pilot programme, Roslyn High School on Long Island handed out 47 iPads to the students and teachers in two classes. The school district hopes to provide iPads eventually to all 1,100 students.

The iPads – which cost more than £400 each in the UK – are to be used in class and at home during the school year to replace textbooks, allow students to correspond with teachers and turn in papers and homework assignments. They also preserve a record of student work in digital portfolios.

"It allows us to extend the classroom beyond these four walls," said Larry Reiff, an English teacher at Roslyn who now posts all his course materials online.

Technological fads have come and gone in schools. Educators, for instance, are still divided over whether initiatives to give every student a laptop have made a difference academically.

Lady Gaga – hacked by a teenaged cyber thief in Germany

With the austerity measures currently being imposed on all aspects of public spending in the UK, it will probably be a long time before our schools can consider making the iPad an essential piece of school kit.

BIRMINGHAM is the first city in the UK to have a branch of 'Black', a new concept electricals store from Currys and PC World.

Product ranges at the store in High Street will include brands such as Apple, Leica, Kindle and more, specially selected for shoppers who want the hottest must-have kit as much for aesthetic as technical features. Taking its cues from fashion boutiques, Black will display technology in a series of "collections", which will change with the season, ensuring the store has a fresh look and feel. Mannequins will showcase the most stylish pieces available.

A "Knowhow" area offers workshops and one-to-one sessions where customers can learn to personalise and customise their gadgets. A chill-out zone offers sofas for customers to enjoy a coffee while surfing the internet to view extended ranges online and children can play on the Apple Macs in the kids zone. **LB**

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# It's the year of the beautiful bunnies

CELEBRATIONS for the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit start on February 3.

Famous "rabbits" include Frank Sinatra, David Beckham, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Tiger Woods, Whitney Houston and Albert Einstein. You too are a rabbit if born in 1939, 51, 63, 75, 87, or 99.

Rabbit people are said to be generally calm, gentle and loving but they can also be very ambitious and rely on their intuition to get on in the world.

They tend to be good listeners and kind which often makes them popular and trusted friends.

"Rabbits" are also often noted for their physical beauty and like to be surrounded by beautiful things, meaning an interest in art and fashion. They will usually be at the top of anyone's best dressed list.

Some may call the rabbit timid but those born under this sign might instead view themselves as wise and cautious; rabbits do not make a move without carefully weighing up all their options. They also tend to be lucky.

When it comes to romance, they can be very loving in close personal relationships but their natural caution prevents them settling down or committing to any one person right away.

At work, they are the ones that remain calm, cool and collected in a crisis and can be relied upon to act with tact. They also tend to be peacemakers.

Rabbits are most compatible with those born under the signs for Sheep, Pig and Dog, and least compatible with the Rooster and the Horse.

MANY people will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a trip to a Chinese restaurant, takeaway or by cooking a Chinese meal at home.

Mr Wing Yip OBE, chairman of the Birmingham-based Chinese food empire which bears his name, said: "Chinese New Year was something celebrated just by the Chinese community but the trend is changing and we are now seeing a much wider UK population marking the event. Today Chinese food is more popular than ever in the UK. People are looking for healthier styles of eating and with Chinese cuisine's low sugar and salt content, it fits the bill ideally."

There are also many traditions, rituals and symbols associated with Chinese New Year:

**Clean Your House**

It is customary for families to clean their homes from top to bottom before the new year arrives. This clears out bad luck.

**Decorating Your House**

Posters with the Chinese word "fu", meaning luck and happiness, are hung on doors and windows. Flowers to symbolise the coming of spring are used to decorate the house with red and gold paper decorations.

**Feasting**

Friends and relatives get together on new year's eve for a large dinner. Typically, there will be eight or nine courses because these are lucky numbers. Noodles are served to symbolise longevity.

**Good Luck Gifts**

It is traditional for adults to give children small red packets filled with money or sweets.

**Street Parades**

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Becks the bunny – David Beckham was born under the Chinese sign of the rabbit, the sign for beautiful people

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# Be thankful if you live in calm times

THE RECENT floods in Australia, Brazil and Sri Lanka have served to remind us that we are reliant on the whims of Mother Nature.

Even a natural problem of a far lesser degree of severity, an old fashioned cold snap, left the UK reeling.

But none of this should surprise us, mankind has lived with disaster since the very beginning. Indeed, the human race had barely got going before it was almost wiped out by volcanic eruptions 74,000 years ago.

John Withington's fascinating **A Disastrous History of the World (Piatkus, paperback, £9.99)** is an epic journey through the annals of calamity from the dawn of man right up to the Myanmar cyclone of 2008.

## Avoidable

The first part of the book chronicles natural disasters - flood, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, storms, disease and famine. Then it looks at the worst, avoidable, disasters created by and inflicted on each other by man - invasions, massacres, riots, stampedes, crashes, explosions and terrorism.

You will find them all here - Pompeii, Krakatoa, the worst excesses of Genghis Khan, Imperial Japan, Hitler and Stalin, and from more recent times, the genocide in Rwanda and the Boxing Day Tsunami.

Perhaps it puts the current natural calamities in context that mankind keeps doggedly battling through everything that nature throws at it.

Many disasters must have seemed apocalyptic at the time but have faded from collective memory. For example, the British cholera epidemic of 1831 or the flu outbreak of 1918 were both far, far worse in their toll on human life than any UK epidemic in several decades.

Indeed, countries which experience periods without major disaster, war and pestilence can count themselves very lucky indeed.

For young readers whose interest in natural disaster has been sparked by recent events, David Burnie's ominously entitled **Countdown To Disaster: A World In Danger (Oxford University Press, paperback, £8.99)** is a richly illustrated book which explains how and why natural disasters happen, from tornados and earthquakes to lightning strikes and meteorite impacts.

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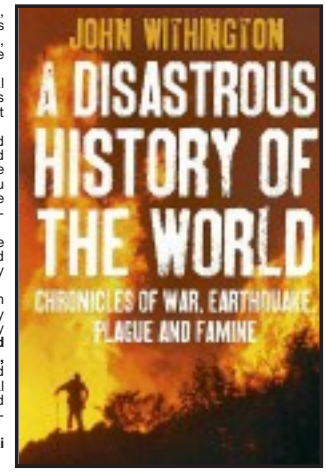


# Voices of the victims of the Blood Lands are heard

**Blood Lands (Bodley Head, hardback, £25)** is a gruelling read, not because of its 421 pages but its grim subject matter. However, it is also an astonishing work of research by Oxford and Harvard historian Timothy Snyder which brings the humanity back to those millions of victims of Hitler and Stalin's murderous regimes.

The statistics are shocking, 14 million killed during 12 years in the zone of death between Berlin and Moscow, in the Blood Lands of Poland, Belarus, the Baltic States, western Russia and the Ukraine. But statistics don't make you cry, hearing the plight of those who suffered, died and, in too few cases, survived the barely imaginable horrors reminds you that every one of those statistics was a living, breathing, feeling human being like you.

Many thinking of this period conjure an image of the concentration camp and the Holocaust, the Nazis' 'Final Solution' and the industrialisation of murder. The reality for most of the vicims, whether they be Jew, Pole, Russian peasant or anyone else considered inconvenient, was even more brutal and primitive than that.

## Murders

Of the 14 million civillians and prisoners of war who died in the 'Blood Lands', more than half were deliberately starved to death. Most of the rest were shot.

The mass murders began in the Soviet Union before the Second World War with Stalin responsible for the starvation and execution of hundreds of thousands of his own citizens. Hitler soon became an equally murderous monster with his mass killings of Jewish communities.

Where possible, Snyder names the guilty and some of the victims, regaining dignity for those treated with no respect by Nazi or Soviet killers. He has testimony from survivors and even victims, including personal journals found on the bodies of Polish officers shot and buried by the Soviet secret police at Katyn. The historian has also seen notes thrown by people being bussed to their deaths and words scratched onto the wall of a synagogue.

Snyder wants us to remember that behind each and every statistic was a human life. "Each one of them died a different death, since each of them had lived a different life," he says.

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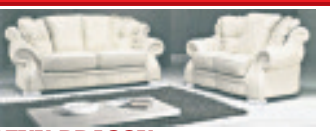

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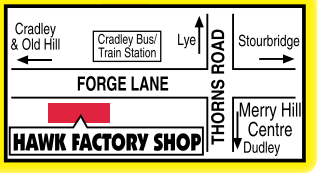


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With all those people going in and out of your house why not tile the floors that get the most punishment. Kitchen floors that are tiled are hygienic and trouble free and a hall or porch with a tiled floor won't be damaged by dripping brollies, dribbling wellies and muddy dogs.

### Lifetime

Bathrooms and cloakrooms are also hard to keep fresh. Tiled floors are easy to keep clean, very smart looking and don't mind if you don't quite shut the shower door. For extra luxury add undertile heating. It is surprisingly inexpensive and easy to install. You can put floor tiles on most suspended wooden floors – consult a member of The Tile Association.

And with it being that time of year again everybody is looking for a bargain. Here are a few tips on buying tiles in the sales.

Always buy more tiles than you need. You should slightly over estimate anyway for breakages and cuts but think to the future.

Tiles can last a lifetime and in five years a new bath, a new shower screen or new radiators can leave small gaps. Tiles bought in the sales are unlikely to be available again.

Mix and match. You can buy small quantities of different tiles and create panels, stripes or a chequerboard effect.

Choose a bold statement tile and create an accent panel or feature wall using cheaper plain tiles as the background. Choose vibrant metallic or glass borders that aren't in the sale and team with plain coloured tiles from the bargain section. Work your scheme out carefully before you buy and do make sure that the tiles are the same size and thickness.

Mosaic tiles come on a mesh background and can be easily cut into strips to make a border of any width you like. You can team these with large format white tiles for a very stylish bathroom. Buy more of the mosaic and create an accent wall over the bath, in the shower or above the basin with a mirror set in.

Buy decorated tiles and panels for your kitchen and team with cheaper plain tiles. Once again do be sure they are the same size. For a really minimalist look choose white tiles for your kitchen walls and use a bright primary colour just behind the hob.

You can often find plain tiles in size 100x200mm left over from commercial projects. Working it out carefully you can create brick effect, herringbone and basket weave patters to name just three. The brick effect looks really good in deep colours used half way up a wall in a hall way. Top with a border and a moulding in tile or wood and you have an almost indestructible surface on a wall that gets lots of hard wear.

### Reliable

On floors use the herringbone and basket weave patterns to make plain floor tiles look special. For a very rustic look choose a chequerboard floor in red and black or brown and black unglazed tiles or choose black and white for a more Victorian effect.

Select carefully and plan beforehand and you can add lasting value to your home at sales prices.

For more information on using tiles go to www.tiles.org.uk. It is the website of The Tile Association which represents all aspects of the wall and floor tile industry in the UK, from manufacture to installation. There you can download a copy of the DIY guide "Tile it Right", find a reputable tile supplier and find a reliable and experienced tile fixer.

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# Keep gardening diary of success and failure

A NEW year brings new beginnings in all our lives and especially in our gardens.

It's time to take stock of last year to see what went well and learn what we can do better this season.

I'm full of optimism for 2011, ***writes John Clowes.*** The positive uplift that gardening provides, together with the benefit of regular exercise, will see me investing more time in the garden and on the allotment.

Hopefully all families will be doing the same – especially if there are children to teach. Keeping notes of successes and failures provides good pointers for better results this year.

My successes include a great crop of carrots that had little damage from carrot root fly. This proves that 1m walls of clear plastic do prevent the flying females from laying their eggs and ruining my carrot crop.

Just four plants of yellow courgettes (T&M F1 Hybrid 'Soleil') weren't prolific enough for the kitchen and I must grow two or three green ones to boost total yields.

French beans Sultana proved popular with family and friends

### Stringless

They were completely unaffected by mildew, but perhaps they needed some extra feeding with Miracle-Gro Fruit & Vegetable Plant Food.

My climbing French beans, Sultana, proved worth their weight in gold. They cropped well during the warm weather of June and July producing mountains of long, tender and stringless pencil-podded beans.

Only by the end of August were the pink-flowered runner beans Celebration producing anything like the same amount.

Family and neighbours agreed the French beans were the best they had tasted. They are on my seed list again this year, as will be butternut squash Cobnut that produced good winter squash that ripened and stored well.

Japanese anemones make a great flower display in the autumn, but standard varieties grow to quite a size that is too big for most narrow flower beds. That's why the compact variety Pretty Lady Diana'was a great addition in my garden. So too was Thompson & Morgan's first-ever red rudbeckia, Cherry Brandy.

Shrub discovery of 2010 was Loropetalum chinense Fire Dance. This relative of the witch hazel is evergreen with plenty of small heart-shaped leaves plum red in colour that carry along its stems deep pink spidery flowers. It seems to bloom all summer through from March to October, although the textbooks will tell you it produces most blooms in spring. The books will also say it will grow to 1 – 2m tall, although my plant is spreading outwards, rather than upwards, and makes a wonderful ground-hugging display.

And on to the reverse side of the gardening coin – here are some of the 'not so good' results from 2010. All my sowings of rocket leaves were affected badly by flea beetle that drilled holes into every leaf, making all unsuitable for the salad bowl. Next year I will try to grow undamaged leaves in pots on the patio using Miracle-Gro All Purpose Compost.

Purple sprouting broccoli this year was disappointing as the pigeons ate more of the crop than the family. That's because the netting has developed holes over the years and must be replaced. Pests must be excluded totally if you are to get a half decent crop.

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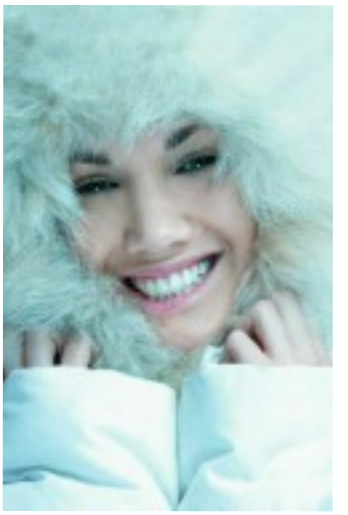

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## Finding the ideal dress for big day

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ON your wedding day, you will no doubt want to be wearing the most fabulous, yet affordable dress that makes you the centre of attention, helps you feel fabulous and ensures all your guests are green with envy… all of which makes for a big shopping task!

Before you head for the high street and frantically look through rail after rail of dresses though, just take time to think through what you are looking for beforehand.

Follow this guide and you can calmly go shopping for your wedding dress knowing exactly what you want and will be able to get the shop assistants to help you too.

After all, you want to look like a princess on your big day and whoever heard of a princess having a meltdown in a changing room?

**Think about your venue**

Before you even begin to think about choosing a wedding dress, you need to consider where you are getting married. Is your venue traditional, trendy or downright relaxed (like on a beach maybe?) You need a dress style that will suit the venue, (it's no good buying an elaborate dress with a full skirt, enormous train and veil if you are planning on walking barefoot to the water's edge for your ceremony for example)

**Think about the season**

Take into consideration the time of year you are getting married. For example, you might want to choose a lighter fabric and strapless dress for summer weddings or a long-sleeved style for winter (you want to be the centre of attention because you look beautiful, not because you've gone blue from the cold)

**Think about your figure**

No matter what size or shape you are, there is a wedding dress to suit you that will fit and flatter in all the right places. All you need do before you shop is think about what dress styles usually suit you best. For example, do you look and feel fabulous in a slinky bias-cut skirt? Do you feel comfortable in a strapless corset, or do you prefer a halterneck style for support? Use the shapes and styles you prefer as a starting point and discuss these with the shop assistant.

**Think about your skin colour**

Traditional wedding dresses come in all shades of white, cream and gold, so don't think you have to opt for pure white – particularly if you are very pale. Ask the shop assistant to help you choose a fabric colour that helps you glow – not look like a ghost.

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Floral detailing on tiaras, as trims on veils and as adornment on shoes and bags is a key trend this season and one that is easy to carry through the wedding day.

Shapes are strongly detailed, with fitted bodices flowing in to full, ruffled and pleated skirts. A-line shapes work well when swathed across the body, with side ruching creating structure and control to this flattering look.

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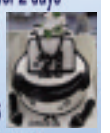

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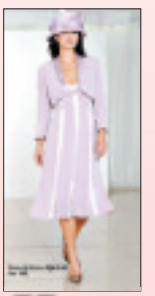

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The show features an array of favourite Disney characters, including Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald, Goofy, Pluto, Baloo, Disney Princesses Snow White and Cinderella, Stitch, Disney/Pixar's The Incredibles and Buzz Lightyear.

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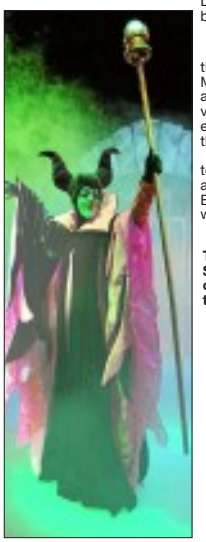

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# the pulse

# Alexandra's concert is late Valentine gift

GLAMOROUS singer Alexandra Burke is promising a Valentine's treat just a day late for fans with a spectacular show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 15 as part of her All Night Long UK tour.

Having won the fifth series of The X Factor, Alexandra, right, released her debut album Overcome in 2009.

The album went straight to Number One in the UK and has born four huge chart hits including All Night Long, Broken Heel and two number one singles Hallelujah and Bad Boys featuring Flo Rida.

The album has already sold in excess of 600,000 copies in the UK alone, already making it double platinum selling

Her success doesn't stop there.

Having been nominated for a BRIT Award for Best British Single in 2009 and 2010, she picked up the coveted Glamour Women of the Year Award for Best Newcomer in 2010.

After ruling the airwaves for weeks with her last Top Five hit single, Alexandra has just delivered her new song, Start Without You, which fuses traditional reggae influences with dancehall beats and power-pop melodies.

Tickets f0r her concert cost £27.50, and are available on 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvescivic. co.uk

Scarlett Strallen and Gareth Gates in concert

## Romance in air with Gareth and Scarlett

TWO stars of musical theatre join forces for a romantic Valentine's night concert in Birmingham.

Gareth Gates and Scarlett Strallen will appear together in Valentine's at The Musicals at the Symphony Hall on February 14.

The runner-up in the original Pop Idol TV contest, Gareth Gates has gone on to carve himself a career in the West End, playing the lead role in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and as Marius in last year's touring 25th anniversary production of Les Miserables.

Scarlett Strallen played Mary Poppins in the West End and on Broadway.

The concert will feature such love songs from the shows as My Funny Valentine, Can You Feel The Love Tonight and Can't Take My Eyes Off You.

Tickets are priced from £12.50 to £36.50, available on 0121 780 3333 or from the www.thsh.co.uk website.

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# Company's dream to get kids into the Bard

A HINT of summer comes to a Wolverhampton winter when Shakespeare4kidz present their children-friendly version of the Bard's tale of fairies, romance and transformation, A Midsummer Night's Dream, at the city's Grand Theatre.

On Tuesday and Wednesday (February 1 and 2) the company aims to make the classic works accessible to a modern young audience and prove that Shakespeare is far from boring with a combination of humour, song and modern language alongside great lines from the original text.

Traditionalists may not approve but according to S4K producer and director Julian Chenery: "Just as the film Oliver! did for Dickens, we are trying to make Shakespeare's language more understandable and use the musical theatre-style structure but without losing the authenticity of the narrative.

"We are making it more appealing without dumbing-down. We are putting on a different type of theatrical production and then, as the children's vocabulary matures, they can go and see more classical productions and enjoy them too."

In Dream, human folk roaming the forest become the unknowing pawns in a battle between the jealous king and queen of fairyland, who make an ass of the unfortunate amateur actor Bottom. Performances are at 1.30pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday and at 11am and 1.30pm on Wednesday.

Comedy and music rules at the Grand next weekend with the Magic of Motown show presenting music from the legendary American soul music record label on Saturday, February 5 (5 and 8pm).

Then the Circus Hilarious crew bring their slapstick hilarity featuring modern clown Danny Adams on Sunday, February 6 (1.30 and 6pm).

Members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet move across the city centre from their home venue at Birmingham Hippodrome to the Symphony Hall for an evening of Music and Dance presented by the company's director David Bintley on Friday, February 4.

The show is the last hurrah of the company's 20th anniversary year in the city and will include highlights from the BRB's repertoire, including the much-loved Hobson's Choice and La Fille mal Gardee.

Birmingham Rep's first off-site production is Kenny Baraka's musical post-apocalyptic tale The Rememberers, the one-hour tale of a teenager who holds the key to mankind's future.

It will be held in a warehouse at the AE Harris Building in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter from February 4 to 19.

Contact the box office on 0121 236 4455.

There is a Polish comedy night at The Crescent Theatre in Birmingham tonight (Thursday) featuring surreal comedy group Lowcy B.

Circus of Horrors bring their modern day freak show to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on February 8.

The show is for over 16s only.

## What a Showstopper!

**WITH perfect timing, Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre features hit Edinburgh Festival improv-musical show Showstopper! which has this month made the transition into a BBC Radio 4 series and is fast becoming a regular visitor to London's West End. The all-singing, all-dancing cast take suggestions from the audience for the theme and plot of the musical . . . and create it on the spot! It is performed at the Wulfruna Street university-linked venue tonight (Friday) at 8pm.**

**Scenes from Shakespeare4kidz' production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, left, Puck, the naughty sprite, and, right, Titania with Bottom**

Film Review

# Fairy tale fun with Disney's new princess

**Tangled (PG)**

DISNEY'S 50th animated feature, Tangled, sees a return to the studio's fairy tale roots with a retelling of the story of Rapunzel, the girl with long golden hair locked away in a tall tower lost in a forest.

And when I say long, I mean looooooong. In this snazzy reboot of a Brothers Grimm classic, Rapunzel can lasso, abseil and swing around using her lengthy luxurious locks.

The effects are given an extra oomph by being delivered in 3D. The effect is really impressive in an action scene at a collapsing dam and in another when thousands of sky lanterns are released over a spectacular castle.

There is a handsome and witty leading man, charming rogue Flynn Rider (voiced by Zachary Levi), a cute chameleon sidekick called Pascal and a bolshie stallion called Maximus.

The animation is, as you would expect, top-notch. Disney has created a feisty new princess in Rapunzel (voiced by Mandy Moore), who is held captive by an evil mother figure. She's actually a witch who kidnapped her from the royal palace - determined to keep the secret of eternal youth and healing locked in Rapunzel's glowing tresses.

There's even an interesting 'mother-daughter struggle' subtext in her relationship with her captor, who, incidentally, looks rather like Carol Vorderman.

And there is plenty of comedy and action to keep boys entertained too. Tangled is a treat for all the family. It opens at cinemas today (Thursday).

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# Saturday TV

## Choice

**THE TUDORS** (BBC2, 9.45pm).

There are always plenty of reasons to tune in for a dose of royal romps, gore and attempted regicide in the steamy period piece. But now there is one more in the form of a rare splash of historical accuracy. Yes, King Henry VIII is about to stop looking sexy. At the same time, towards the end of the fourth season Henry is dwelling in a very dark place in last of this series, he is always very emotional and in steep physical decline," observes star Jonathan Rhys Meyers, 33, who has also starred in Mission Impossible III. The reason this is clearly deeply affected in the fourth series by the very tangible sense that he is decaying before our very eyes.

## BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] Saturday Kitchen Live. [illegible] Baking Made Easy (R) [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Football Focus. [illegible] Australian Open Tennis. [illegible] Live Athletics. The Aviva International Match. [illegible] Final Score. [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Hole in the Wall. (R)

[illegible] **All Star Family Fortunes.** Adventure game show, hosted by Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram.

[illegible] **The Magicians.** With Neil Morrissey, Angela Griffin, and George and Larry Lamb. Last in the series.

[illegible] **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Jenni Falconer presents the Lotto, Dream Number and Thunderball draws.

[illegible] **Casualty.** Lindy prepares to leave Holby.

[illegible] **Casualty.** Penny gets a visit from a member of the royal household. (R)

[illegible] **BBC News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Live at the Apollo.** With Ed Byrne, Adam Hills and Russell Howard. (R) National Lottery Update.

[illegible] **FILM: The 40 Year Old Virgin.** (2004) Romantic comedy starring Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert; Weather; News.

[illegible] BBC News.

## BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Film: Never Say Die. [illegible] Fact-based drama starring Charles Martin Smith. [illegible] Coast. (R) [illegible] Diagnosis Murder (R) [illegible] Flog It! (R) [illegible] Escape to the Country. [illegible] Film: Rabbit-Proof Fence. (2002) Fact-based Australian drama with Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury and Kenneth Branagh.

[illegible] **Are You Being Served?** The staff are transferred to the toy department. (R)

[illegible] **The Story of Are You Being Served?** Examining the appeal of the TV sitcom. (R)

[illegible] **Dad's Army.** The platoon responds to a cricket challenge. (R)

[illegible] **Penn Hall's Ashes.** Rebuilding the team Market in Parkour Primes.

[illegible] **QI XL.** With Bill Bailey, Eddie Izzard and Danny Baker.

[illegible] **The Tudors.** Anne of Cleves returns to the royal court.

[illegible] **Horne & Corden.** Dr Cooper wants revenge at Jackie on Twitter.

[illegible] **Portrait Lesson.** Featuring David Arnold, Greg Davies and Jose Ransom. (R)

[illegible] **FILM: Everything.** (2008) Premiere. Psychological drama starring David Arnold, Greg Davies and Jose Ransom.

[illegible] Film: The Dales Factor. (1971) Spy thriller starring Christopher George. [illegible] Close.

## ITV1

[illegible] CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] Coronation Street. [illegible] This Morning Saturday. [illegible] Rosemary & Thyme (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Film: Hulk. (2003) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly and Sam Elliott. [illegible] Regional Programmes. [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Live FA Cup Football. Southampton v Manchester United (Kick-off [illegible]).

[illegible] **Takeover!** Former ARC member Jenny Lewis helps the team on her wedding day.

[illegible] **Take Me Out.** A hockey champion, a drummer, a graphic designer and a gym manager take part. Paddy McGuinness presents.

[illegible] **Beat Her.** The Dazzle gets the same man from a third date, and Blanche becomes Nelson while Martin is not paying attention. Comedy with Johnny Vegas and Sheridan Smith. (R)

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **FA Cup Highlights.** Action from the fourth round, including Southampton v Manchester United at St Mary's, Everton v Chelsea at Goodison Park and Torquay United v Crawley Town at Plainmoor.

[illegible] The Dubai Celebrity Special. (R) [illegible] The Zone. ITV News Headlines. [illegible] The Dinner Wife. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

[illegible] Sell Mall. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Track and Field Show. (R) [illegible] T4. Rooftop. (R) [illegible] The Morning Line. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Shooting Time Tempest. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Glee. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Lady Gaga: Real Stories. (R) [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) [illegible] T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Racing. [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me. (R)

[illegible] **Come Dine with Me.** Helen Hancock hosts the final dinner party in Glasgow. (R)

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**

[illegible] **Wonderful.** The head of a Muslim faith school explains his stance on sex education.

[illegible] **FILM: Fantastic Four.** (2005) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, with Ioan Gruffudd and Jessica Alba.

[illegible] **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

[illegible] **FILM: Along Came a Spider.** (2001) Detective thriller prequel, starring Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter and Michael Wincott.

[illegible] Film: From Dusk Till Dawn. (1996) Horror, starring George Clooney. [illegible] The Wrong Turn. (R) [illegible] Tourist Trap. (R) [illegible] Party Python. (R) [illegible] Dirty Sexy Money. (R) [illegible] Beauty and the Geek. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

## Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake! [illegible] Meals in Moments. (R) [illegible] Animal Rescue Squad. (R) [illegible] How Do They Do It? (R) [illegible] Time Bomb Tunnel Megastructures. (R) [illegible] Ice Road Truckers. (R) [illegible] Film: Before Winter Comes. (1969) [illegible] Film: Corrina, Corrina. (1994) Drama set in the 1950s, with Whoopi Goldberg. [illegible] Five News. [illegible] Film: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde. (2003) Comedy sequel, starring Reese Witherspoon.

[illegible] **NCIS.** McGee's sister believes she has killed someone. (R)

[illegible] **NCIS.** FBI agents take control of an investigation. (R)

[illegible] **CSI: Miami.** The body of a university academic found in an abandoned car triggering an investigation that leads the team to suspect a jealous boyfriend and a professional debt collector. (R)

[illegible] **CSI: NY.** Members of a Puerto Rican gang are killed.

[illegible] **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** A cosmetic surgeon's patients die mysteriously. (R)

[illegible] **Cops in Crisis.** Harrowing tales of survival told by police officers. (R)

[illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Emergency Bikes. (R) [illegible] Meals in Moments. (R) [illegible] Hound Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

**ITV2**

[illegible] Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp. [illegible] American Pie: The Naked Mile. [illegible] Film: [illegible] (2003) [illegible] Film: [illegible] (2006) [illegible] Film: The Matrix (1999)

**ITV3**

[illegible] Lewis. [illegible] [illegible]

**ITV4**

[illegible] Film: [illegible] (1966) [illegible] Film: [illegible] (1974) [illegible] Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) [illegible] The Wild Bunch. [illegible] Ultimate Force. [illegible] Film: Falling Down (1993)

**BBC THREE**

[illegible] [illegible]

**BBC FOUR**

[illegible] Justice — A citizen's guide to the 21st century, comparing modern concepts of social justice with the views of past philosophers. [illegible] The King [illegible] [illegible]

**E4**

[illegible] Hollyoaks. [illegible] Friends. [illegible] The Big Bang Theory. [illegible] Friends. [illegible] The Cleveland Show. [illegible] The 50 Funniest Moments of [illegible]

**FILM4**

[illegible] Big Top Pee-Wee (1988) [illegible] The Perfect [illegible] [illegible] Juno (2007) A teenager who falls pregnant after a one-night stand with her best friend looks for the perfect parents to adopt her baby. Comedy, starring Ellen Page and Michael Cera. [illegible] Scary Movie 2 (2001) Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris.

# Sunday TV

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**THAT SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW**

(ITV1, 10.05pm).

Matt is particularly odd in the brewst — the native host of program on the Beeb broadcasts during the morning, yet he visits an evening show. Maybe this is a better option, however — after all, we should be a little more awake and therefore more capable of taking stuff in at this hour. Here, Gibbo is joined by former Downing Street aide Alastair Campbell and comedians Jenny Eclair (an uncut Mortadella-double-act if ever there was one). They'll be helping their host sift through the week's big government stories, using publications, websites and blogs as their guide.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** Escape to the Country (R). **2.00** Escape to the Country (R). **3.00** Antiques Roadshow (R). **4.00** Songs of Praise. **5.00** BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

**5.40** **Antiques Roadshow.** (R)

**7.00** **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury visit Yorkshire.

**8.00** **Lark Rise to Candleford.** A guest to track out when the stir comes to town.

**9.00** **Terry Wogan's Irish.** Continuation. The presenter completes his journey by reflecting on the changing nature of Northern Ireland, as well as Ireland's enduring economic fortunes.

**9.55** **BBC News. Regional News. Weather.**

**10.05** **Gordon A. Gibson.** With preparations for the wedding in full swing, Gibson's two-man team for Gavin Bryan and Jason put their big secret to bed, and Gretty has a final date with Rocco. Lock in the series. (R)

**11.05** **Gordon A. Gibson.** Nixon and Dowell are filling dry on tape. Lock in the series. (R)

**11.55** **FILE: Homeopathy.** (2008) Comedy, starring Griffith and Phil Harman.

**1.00** The Story at Night. Weather. **1.05** Sky Zone. Holly City. (R). **3.15** Morning Stoffanb Lambeaux. (R). **4.10** Climbing Great Britain. (R). **4.40** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R). **5.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** BBC. **9.15** Live Australian Open Tennis. The week's digest. **11.00** Rugby (R). **12.00** Bouquet Murder. (R). **1.00** Film: Becket. (1964) Historical drama, starring Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. **3.45** Figure Skating. **5.00** Sunday.

**5.00** **Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness.** The girl-hat expert continues to explore the Canadian wilderness, discovering the history of the Hudson's Bay Company — one of the world's oldest businesses. (R)

**6.00** **The Privy Side of TV Tribute.** Clive Anderson presents a guide to the history of TV talent shows, examining their origin and exploring why audiences frequently find them unintentionally funny.

**7.00** **Thy Neighbour.** The presenters pause off against their Australian counterparts in an automotive version of the Ashes, with challenges including tolerance, delivery and a double-decker bus race.

**8.00** **Antiques with Bruce Parry.** How the oil industry has affected life in the far north of Canada.

**9.00** **The Pre-Inquiries Business.** Profiling four Americans who allegedly abuse children when abroad.

**10.00** **Horse Hospital: Bringing Back Barnard.** David O'Doherty presents highlights of series 24.

**11.00** **FILE: Guns.** (2009) Previews Dolan, starring Glen Hansard.

**12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Close.

## ITV1

**6.00** GTV. Mid GTV. **9.00** GTV. **9.15** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R). **9.30** PA Cup Highlights. (R). **10.00** TV News Weather. **10.05** The Morning Sunday. **12.00** Dinner Date. (R). **1.00** Live FA Cup Football. Mole Country Manchester City (kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R).

**5.45** **Regional Programmes in ITV Digital Weather.**

**6.00** **Broadgreen Inc.** The 11 celebrities compete to win diamond rings and impress the judges, but at least looks out to choke up the competition this week.

**6.45** **Will of Heart.** Alice gains a foothold in the drinks Within Bunny.

**7.45** **Broadgreen Inc: The Glam Off.** The two boundbearing couples compete.

**8.45** **The Sunday Night Show.** Alistair Campbell and Jenny Eclair join Adrian Chiles.

**9.45** **ITV News Weather.**

**9.55** **FA Cup Highlights.** Action from the fourth round, featuring Preston v Huddersfield Town, West Ham United v Nottingham Forest and Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur.

**10.55** **Comedy Roadshow with Jason Manford.** With guests Tim Vine, Pete Firman, Susan Calman and Lee Nelson. (R)

**11.55** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the weekend's pool matches. **12.55** The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **1.05** Film: Hard Target. (1993) Thriller, with Jean-Claude Van Damme. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.00** ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

**6.00** The Hoobs. (R). **6.45** The Hoobs. (R). **7.00** FIFA World Championships. **7.05** The Fantastic Show. (R). **7.55** T4: Bedtime. **8.00** T4: Friends. (R). **8.05** T4: Friends. (R). **8.55** T4: Holiday. **9.00** T4: Glee. (R). **9.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R). **10.00** T4: The Simpsons. (R). **10.05** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.10** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.15** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.20** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.25** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.30** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.35** Jonathan Ross Minute Movie. (R). **10.40** Film: Big Momma's House 2. (2000) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence.

**12.00** **Channel 4 News.**

**12.15** **Hindsights.** A 'Hyperdrive' experience of an education.

**4.00** **Grow Up with Ella.** Ainsley, a public surgery enthusiast, is a collectomania and a dog lover so she goes to find the best dinner party in Lincolnshire.

**7.00** **FILE: P.S. I Love You.** (2007) Previews A belief of intense romance in a woman by her husband before he died sends her on a string of pilgrimage adventures. Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler.

**11.00** **Alex Gaskarth Clothing Line.** With Dennis Ho Quinn-Hatch, Nancy Kilmer and James Corden. (R)

**12.00** Prestige Filmmaker of Fear. (R). **1.00** A Family Portrait. (R). **2.00** Working Houses. (R). **3.00** Film: Second Best. (1994) Drama, starring William Hurt. **4.00** Brothers & Sisters. (R). **4.00** ER. (R). **5.00** Countdown. (R).

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Pippin Pig. **6.05** Noddy in the Toyland Car. (R). **6.10** Pili and the Pharaohs. (R). **6.20** Fireman Sam. (R). **6.30** Mike Spider: Sunny Patch Friends. (R). **6.40** The Bears. (R). **6.50** Mr Bean. (R). **7.00** Chip Chip. (R). **7.10** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R). **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R). **7.30** Little Chart. (R). **7.40** Little Princess. (R). **8.00** The Adventures of Spider Ian Bill and His Best Friend Conky. (R). **8.05** Pandy. (R). **8.15** Puppet Bear. (R). **8.20** Chip Chip. (R). **8.30** The Mr Men Show. (R). **8.45** The Willoughbys Show. (R). **9.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R). **9.45** Emergency Bikers. (R). **10.45** Cowboy Builders. (R). **11.45** Bad Girls Club. (R). **12.00** Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis. **4.00** Film: Pi. Mystery. Vocation. (2000) Family comedy, starring Robin Williams. **5.00** Pure Travel. **5.05** Film: Jackie Chan's Who Am I? (1998) Martial arts action comedy, starring Jackie Chan.

**6.00** **British Sports Celebrity Revealed.** A non-stop sequel to hundreds of French children from German-occupied Czechoslovakia. (R)

**7.00** **FILE: The Patriot.** (2000) A retired soldier seeks revenge after the unprovoked murder of his son by British forces during the American War of Independence. Action adventure, with Mel Gibson and Heath Ledger, including Fire Home Up-date.

**8.00** UFC Ultimate Man Event. **9.00** Super Cookies. **9.45** Cowboy Builders. (R). **10.45** Meals in Minutes. (R). **11.00** Hungry Helpline. (R). **11.45** The Willoughbys Show. (R).

## Digital

**ITV2**

**ITV3**

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**BBC THREE**

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## Monday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Save My Holiday. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 The Battle for Bomb Alley: Panorama. 9.00 Silent Witness. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.45 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.20 The Apprentice USA; Weatherview. 2.10 Sign Zone: Ancient Worlds. (R) 3.10 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 3.40 Wanted Down Under. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. 2.15 Instant Restaurant. (R) 3.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Baking Made Easy. 9.00 Horizon: The Secret World of Pain. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.05 An Island Parish. (R) 12.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Biggest Loser. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Total Emergency. (R) 11.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 12.05 Grimefighters. (R) 12.35 The Zone. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Treasure People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Desperate Housewives. (R) 11.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.35 Film: Pickup on South Street. (1953) Cold War crime thriller, starring Richard Widmark. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Birth of Britain. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.05 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 12.10 Premier League Poker. 1.10 Modesty. (R) 2.10 The Genius of British Art. (R) 3.05 Titanic: The Mission. (R) 4.00 ER. (R) 4.45 Film: Little Norse Prince. (1968) Japanese animated drama, with the voice of Etsuko Ichihara.

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 The Vanessa Show. 11.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.40 Five News. 12.45 Rory and Paddy's Even Greater British Adventure. (R) 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 3.10 Film: Aces 'N' Eights. (2008) Western, starring Casper Van Dien. 5.00 Five News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It? How iron is turned into stainless steel with the addition of chromium; Five News Update. 8.00 Emergency Bikers. Biker paramedic Mark Hayes helps a man who has been hit by a bus; Five News Update. 9.00 Film: Murder at 1600. (1997) Political thriller, starring Wesley Snipes. 11.10 Film: Slow Burn. (2005) Thriller, starring Ray Liotta. 1.00 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

## Tuesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Save My Holiday. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Silent Witness. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. 11.15 Film: The Hoax. (2006) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Richard Gere; Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.40 Human Planet. (R) 2.40 Dambusters Declassified. (R) 3.40 Wanted Down Under. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

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**Channel 4** 6.10 The Treasure People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Jesse James. (1939) Western, starring Henry Fonda and Tyrone Power. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Gok's Clothes Roadshow. 9.00 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. 10.00 Shameless. 11.05 Derren Brown: Behind the Mischief. (R) 12.10 European Poker Tour. 1.10 Bull Run. (R) 1.40 World B-Boy Series. (R) 2.05 FIS World Championships. (R) 2.35 Basketball. (R) 3.30 KOTV. 3.55 Triathlon ITU World Championship Series. (R) 4.50 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor. (R) 5.45 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

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## Wednesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Save My Holiday. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Waterloo Road. 9.00 Motorway Cops. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update. 12.05 Film: In Dreams. (1999) Thriller, starring Annette Bening; Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: Country Tracks. (R) 2.40 Natural World Special: Panda Makers. (R) 3.40 Wanted Down Under. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Car Booty. (R) 2.15 Instant Restaurant. (R) 3.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 Michel Roux's Service. 9.00 Who Gets the Best Jobs? 10.00 Have I Got News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.05 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The Unforgettable Les Dawson. (R) 8.00 Midsomer Murders. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Secret Caribbean with Trevor McDonald. (R) 11.35 Police, Camera, Action! (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: Ned Kelly. (2003) Outlaw adventure, starring Heath Ledger. 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Treasure People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Country House Rescue. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.30 Film: Cattle Empire. (1958) Western, starring Joel McCrea. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Beauty and the Beast: The Ugly Face of Prejudice. 9.00 Mary Portas: Secret Shopper. 10.00 The Joy of Teen Sex. 11.05 Shameless. (R) 12.10 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 12.25 Music on 4: 4Play: The Go! Team. 12.40 My Family's Crazy Gap Year. (R) 1.35 Animal Madhouse. (R) 2.30 Food: What Goes in Your Basket? (R) 3.25 Film: Porco Rosso. (1994) Animated adventure, with the voice of Makoto Nonomura. 5.25 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 The Vanessa Show. 11.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.40 Five News. 12.45 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 Extraordinary Dogs. (R) 3.25 Film: Murder at the Gallop. (1963) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. 5.00 Five News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Monkey Life; Five News Update. 8.00 Cowboy Builders; Five News Update. 9.00 NCIS. A prank-loving Marine is found dead on Halloween. 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A well-known historian is poisoned. (R) 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager claims she has been raped. (R) 11.55 Poker. 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 2.15 Instant Restaurant. (R) 3.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Who Does What? 8.00 Michel Roux's Service. 9.00 Louis Theroux: The Ultra Zionists. 10.00 The Grumpy Guide to Food and Wine. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mad Men. 12.05 BBC News. 3.35 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The Value of a Degree: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Marchlands. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Odd One In. (R) 11.20 Send in the Dogs. (R) 12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.10 The Value of a Degree: Tonight. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Treasure People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.30 According to Jim. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Desperate Housewives. (R) 10.55 Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.30 Film: The Raid. (1954) American Civil War drama, starring Van Heflin. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Relocation, Relocation. 9.00 Rome Wasn't Built in a Day. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 11.05 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. (R) 12.10 Divorce Nation. 1.05 Coming Up: Dip Dip. (R) 1.35 Film: Grave of the Fireflies. (1988) Animated drama. 3.10 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 3.55 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.50 ER. (R) 5.45 Countdown. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Ready Steady Cook. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Due South. (R) 1.45 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 2.15 Instant Restaurant. (R) 3.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Julia Bradbury's German Wanderlust. 7.30 An Island Parish. 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. 9.00 Can't Take It with You. 10.00 Fast and Loose. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show; Weather. 11.50 Film: They Shoot Horses, Don't They? (1969) 1.45 BBC News. 3.30 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Children's Hospital. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 30 Years of An Audience With. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 October Road. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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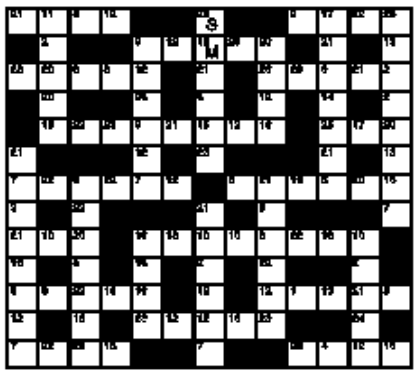

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

### Cryptic Clues:

**Across**

6. He foresees sup post before the reform (7)
7. Ideal group to play on digitsome reel? (5)
9. Sam in one: Eastern land (3)
10. Spoke in broken English? (9)
12. Slight variation in silver and copper, perhaps (5,6)
15. The boss's office (11)
17. Policeman exam lines a piece of furniture (9)
19. Sounds like a short age of resin (3)
21. Very serious position to end up in? (5)
22. Rival bird is not on time (7)

**Down**

1. Colour for putting on (5)
2. Fitting a small point (3)
3. Possibly felt it's not right (4)
4. Oligogrammatic form of catechism (9)
5. Get even with Reg., perhaps? (7)
8. Spanking vessels? (6)
11. Imperturbable ad mission of inertia? (9)
13. You've not been going straight if you have to make this up (6)
14. Approves of Indian tions of support (7)
16. Forms groups of actors (5)
18. Fabric thefts still or limp (4)
20. Reality includes everything (3)

### Quick Clues:

**Across**

6. Income (7)
7. Cancer (5)
9. Cured (3)
10. Occupy (9)
12. Fear (11)
15. Incitement (11)
17. Hanging (9)
19. Strange (3)
21. Hut (5)
22. Exist (7)

**Down**

1. Planet (5)
2. Fresh (3)
3. Unadulterated (4)
4. Contagion (9)
5. Voter (7)
8. Outlaw (6)
11. Thirty (9)
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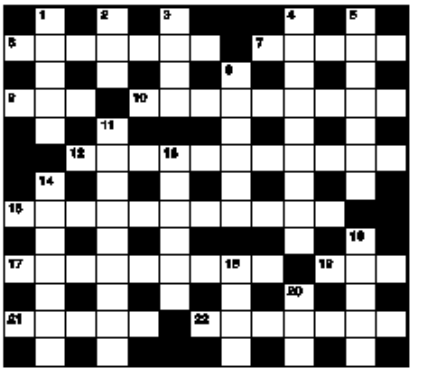

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.
CRYPTIC - Across. 7 Stupendous, 8 Organise, 10 Lifter, 12 Thank, 14 Sycamore, 16 Chance, 18 Cline, 20 Sunshine, 22 Disappointing. Down. 1 Sunday, 2 Subset, 3 Fiji, 4 Agitated, 5 Evidence, 6 Stress, 11 Suspense, 13 Alabama, 15 Accept, 17 Resist, 19 Have, 21 Road.
QUICK - Across. 7 Confederation, 8 Untouched, 9 Earn, 10 Settle, 12 Sunken, 14 Unfair, 16 Elated, 18 Hard, 20 Infinite, 22 Temperature. Down. 1 Mountain, 2 Effort, 3 Idea, 4 Contagion, 5 Allured, 6 Pure, 11 Earnings, 13 Emotion, 15 Action, 17 Answer, 19 Away, 21 Clue.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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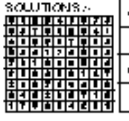
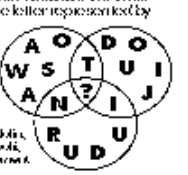


## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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# Hills are aloud to sound of Jason

JASON Donovan has joined the cast of the touring production of The Sound of Music as Captain von Trapp in time for its Staffordshire stint at Stoke-on-Trent's Regent Theatre.

The classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical will be presented at the Hanley venue from February 15 and March 5.

Starring opposite the Australian star is former Emmerdale actress Verity Rushworth, who takes over from Connie Fisher as Maria.

Bradford-born Verity played Donna Windsor from the age of 12 in the rural soap, leaving the series after 10 years in 2009.

She has since appeared in Hairspray in the West End, playing Tracy Turnblad's friend Penny.

Contact the box office on 0844 871 7649 or online at Ambassadortickets.com.

Shayne Ward – Wolverhampton date

# It's Obsession with Shayne

SHAYNE Ward is back with a new single, Obsession, from the album of the same name, a top 10 hit in Gotta Be Somebody and now the announcement of his first UK tour in two years.

A show stopping performance on The X Factor and the release his third album late in 2010 reminded everyone of his vocal prowess of the Manchester-born winner of the second series of The X-Factor.

Now he is taking Obsession out on the road starting at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on March 15.

Tickets priced £25 are available at Midland Box Office on 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvescivic.co.uk

# To be or not to be Bard, that is the question

SHAKESPEARE was not the author of Hamlet, instead it was the work of Elizabethan playboy Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, and more shockingly still, it was based upon events from his own life.

That's the suggestion of The Man Who Was Hamlet, a one man performance by George Dillon in which the actor, as the ghost of de Vere, tells his story in a bid to restore his pride and reputation.

The actor, who has won praise for his other touring performance in which he delivers The Gospel of Matthew, will be making the case for de Vere at the Arena Theatre, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Then on Wednesday, a complete flip at the Arena when Rannel Theatre present Flhip Flhop, when a pair of painter-decorators end up trying to outdo each with dance moves that turns into pure slapstick comedy.Contact the venue's box office on 01902 321 321 (office hours) or visit www.arenatheatre.info

# Recycling a show

AN interactive comedy featuring recycled puppets is being showcased at Sandwell arts venue The Public next month. Birmingham based Blossom Theatre is bringing the environmentally friendly comedy, the Recycled Puppet Show, to the venue on Friday 11 and Saturday 12. It features a magical journey by a cast made of recycled materials.

Audience participation is central and there will be puppet making workshops before each performance. On Friday workshops start at 1pm and 6pm with performances at 2.15pm and 7.15pm. On Saturday the workshops start at 2pm and 6pm, with performances at 3.15pm and 7.15pm.

For more information call 0121 533 7161.

Jason Donovan and Verity Rushworth who star in The Sound of Music *Picture: Paul Coltas*

# Micky takes a new date

EAST End comedian Micky Flanagan's concert date at Birmingham Town Hall on February 6 has proved such a big sell-out success that the Cockney comic has added another date but at the bigger Brum venue of the Symphony Hall on March 31.

Tickets cost £17.50.

Flanagan has appeared on Mock The Week, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, had his own Radio 4 show and was one of the hits of last year's Royal Variety Performance.

New Brum date for Micky Flanaghan

# Celebrations for Mahler's music

THE Birmingham Mahler Cycle, celebrating the works of Austrian Bohemian composer Gustav Mahler, who died 100 years ago, continues with the performance of his final completed symphony, No9, at the Symphony Hall on Wednesday, February 2.

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Andris Nelsons in a programme which also includes Mark Anthony Turnage's cello concerto Kai featuring cellist Ulrich Heinen.

The Ninth will get a reprise on Thursday, February 3, at the Symphony Hall, by the CBSO under the baton of Nelsons, which will follow an in-depth look at the work presented by Stephen Johnson.

Mahler's works are re-imagined by American jazz pianist Uri Caine at Birmingham Town Hall on February 5 and the cycle continues on February 10 at Symphony Hall when the CBSO perform Kindertotenlieder as part of a programme also featuring works by Schubert and Dvorak.

The late Sir Charles Mackerras was to have conducted the concert. Instead Karl-Heinz Steffens will take the baton.

Contact the box office on 0121 780 3333 or via the website www.thsh.co.uk.

# Show all shook up over Elvis

MICHAEL "Memphis" King and Steve Halliday start the 76th birthday celebrations for the late King of Rock 'n' Roll Elvis Presley when their Elvis On Tour 76 Special comes to Bilston music venue The Robin on Saturday, January 29.

Covering all eras from the rockabilly early days, through the movie years, the 68 Comeback Special and the latter Vegas concerts, the show is a celebration of all things Elvis.

Tickets cost £18.50 on the door (a pound less in advance) and the box office can be reached at www.therobin.co.uk or on 01902 401211.

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# Impressive detached for £329,950

This well-presented, traditional home in Oldbury is on the market with estate agent Derek Spires & Co

HOUSEHUNTERS looking for a well-presented traditional detached family home in Oldbury are advised to view 37 Moat Road.

For sale for £329,950 through Derek Spires & Co, the property comprises double glazing, gas central heating, a guest shower room, dining room, extended rear lounge, conservatory, dining kitchen, utility, four bedrooms, bathroom, detached garage and front and rear gardens.

Shopping facilities are on the doorstep at Pound Road Island while more comprehensive amenities can be found a mile away in Oldbury or Bearwood centres with schools, two golf courses, a park, swimming baths and Warley Woods all within easy reach.

Double-glazed sliding doors open into a storm porch with tiled flooring, courtesy light and an inner double-glazed door that leads into a large reception hall with limestone tiled flooring and a display niche.

The fully-tiled guest shower room has a walk-in corner shower cubicle, WC, oval ceramic sink with stainless steel towel rail beneath and tiled flooring.

In the 12ft 2in x 16ft 3in front-facing dining room, there's solid oak flooring and a feature fireplace with fitted close fronted gas fire.

## Conservatory

The rear extended lounge measures 21ft 10in x 11ft 10in and has a feature fireplace and coved ceiling while the large conservatory has wood veneered timber flooring.

There's a range of wall, base and drawer units in the comprehensively fitted kitchen, along with a stainless steel one-and-a-half bowl sink with worksurfaces.

Thee is space and plumbing for a dishwasher, a four-ring gas hob with integrated oven beneath, integrated cooker hood, limestone tiled flooring and a door leading to the side utility, which has a tiled floor and storage space off.Upstairs, there are four bedrooms and a fully tiled, well-appointed bathroom, with a modern white suite comprising a shaped bath with mixer tap shower attachment and shower screen.

Also in this room are a WC, wash basin with toiletry cabinet beneath, fitted mirror above with lighting and matching cupboard, stainless steel heated towel rail and tiled flooring.

Outside, the house is set back from the road behind a shaped lawn, hedging, brick wall, side conifer screen and block paved driveway providing off-road parking for several vehicles and leading to a detached garage with lighting, power and a rear storage area.

The enclosed neat rear garden features a shaped lawn, flower beds, rear conifer screen and greenhouse.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, call Derek Spires & Co on 0121 544 9595.

# Extended semi with so much for a family

The spacious lounge area has a feature fireplace with gas fire and decorative display wall panels

Adjoining the lounge is a nicely proportioned dining area, with French doors to the rear garden

AN EXTENDED semi-detached house with plenty of scope has come onto the market in West Bromwich.

Number 45 Rydding Lane is being marketed for £149,950 by Connells and has three bedrooms with an option of either a fourth downstairs or a second sitting room, central heating, double glazing, a garage, off-road parking and gardens.

The property is entered via a uPVC double-glazed side door into an entrance hall with laminate flooring and an understairs storage cupboard.

Leading off is the 16ft 4in x 11ft 5in lounge, which has a front-facing uPVC double-glazed bow window, a gas fire with surround, ceiling coving and a door giving access to the dining room. In here, there's ceiling coving and uPVC double-glazed doors leading to the rear garden.

Also downstairs is a part-tiled cloakroom with a WC, wash basin, spotlights and extractor fan and a further front-facing sitting room, measuring 11ft 5in x 9ft 2in, which has a double-glazed bow window and ceiling coving and could just as easily serve as a fourth bedroom.

In the fitted kitchen there's a range of wall and base units, a single-bowl sink drainer, worksurfaces, gas oven and grill, integrated gas hob with cooker hood over, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher, space for white goods, tiled flooring and a uPVC double-glazed door to the rear.

## Wardrobe

Leading off the first floor landing of the property there is access to the loft, airing cupboard, family bathroom and three bedrooms, the main one measuring 13ft 1in x 11ft 5in and with a built-in wardrobe.

The second bedroom also has a built-in wardrobe while all bedrooms have a double-glazed window and radiator.

There's a bath with shower over, wash basin and WC in the partly tiled bathroom.

Outside to the front, the property features a lawned area, borders and off-road parking leading to the garage, which has an up-and-over door.

At the rear, there's a slabbed patio, lawn, fish pond, shrubbed border, greenhouse and the bonus of steel unit/workshop at the bottom of the garden.For more information or to arrange a viewing, contact Connells on 0121 525 1177.

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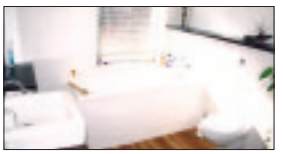

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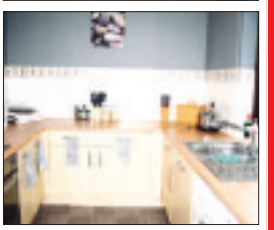
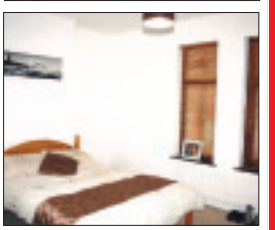

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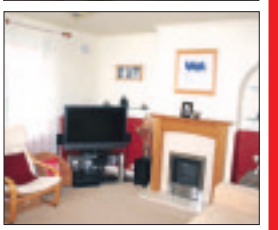

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A modern semi detached property having off road parking on communal driveway situated within a quiet estate location comprising hall entrance w.c. off, lounge feature fireplace, dining kitchen with fitted appliances. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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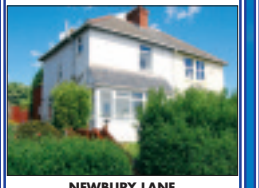
**TITFORD ROAD**
**Offers in the region of £119,950**
An exceptionally well maintained, and improved Edwardian semi detached property, situated in a convenient location, hardwood door to front room, inner hallway dining room, galley kitchen, conservatory, lobby, shower room. Staircase from dining room to two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, front and landscaped rear garden

### TIVIDALE

**HAWFIELD ROAD**
**Offers in the region of £110,000**
A deceptively spacious semi-detached family home situated in a convenient location hall lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, dining room, stairs three bedrooms, shower room, double glazed, central heating, garden to front and rear garden with two brick built stores.

### OLDBURY



**NEWBURY LANE**
**Offers in execss of £100,000**
A semi detached property requiring some improvement and modernisation. Storm porch entrance into reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen. Staircase to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing and central heating where specified, front and rear gardens, rear vehicular gated parking off Wallace Road

### OLDBURY

**JUNCTION STREET SOUTH**
**Offers in the region of £95,000**
A refurbished mid-terraced property situated in a desirable area offering ideal first purchase situated close to Langley Village Centre Shared tunnel side entrance, inner hallway, two reception rooms, lobby, kitchen and bathroom with seperate shower cubicle, staircase extending to first floor landing, three bedrooms, central heating and double glazing, rear garden.

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### Tipton Sanders Crescent, NEW

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and good size family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, study room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £194,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Bagnall Street, NEW

Unique opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow with commercial units / garages on an excellent size plot. Superbly improved bungalow with upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, inner hallway, 3 bedrooms & bathroom. Outside comprise, 2 large garages, office, large storeroom with adjoining toilets, additional store & disables.
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Bloomfield Road, NEW

Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. In need of improvements, whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen / sitting room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side garage, utility room & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Royal Way, NEW

Semi Detached situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Lindley Avenue,

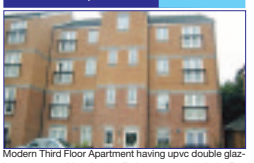
Traditional Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, part gas central heating & extension to rear / side. Offering no upward chain & briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, extended kitchen, side lobby, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Leveson Drive,

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering immaculate internal accommodation. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, fore garde & landscaped rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Sycamore Road, NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and central heating. In need of improvements, whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Anchor Drive, NEW

Modern Third Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
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### Tipton Daisy Meadow, Bridgem NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft conversion. Occupying a corner plot, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, L'shape lounge / dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, study room, family bathroom, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Narraway Grove,

Modern detached occupying an excellent size corner plot, which offers tremendous potential for extensions. Having gas central heating, superb location & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, block paved driveway, garage & large gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £199,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Carnegie Avenue,

Modern Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, cul de sac location, ideal first time purchase & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £93,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Sanders Crescent,

Modern 2.5 Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, fore / rear gardens and separate garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
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### Tipton Scott Street, REDUCED

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 5 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, driveway, garage & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
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### Tipton Ruth Close, Woodford H NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and situated on a most sought after development. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway (garage potential), fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,500
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### Tipton Great Meadow,

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious well presented family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Russell Close, Rochford NEW

Modern Executive Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & garage conversion. Situated in a most sought after development whilst the family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £209,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton Owen Street,

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, part gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, separate w.c. & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £81,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Tipton The Square, Queensgate,

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing strongly recommended whilst briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

### Coseley Ribbesford Crescent,

Modern Semi Detached having central heating, double glazing and offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, integral garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
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### Tipton Shrubbery Avenue,

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED Traditional Detached having gas central heating. Situated in a sought after location whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, open plan dining room / fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, secure parking to rear & fore garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
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### Tipton Dudley Port,

Traditional Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Improved accommodation briefly comprises, vestibule, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, sun-lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
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### Tipton Brookfield Way,

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, excellent block paved driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,950
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### Tipton Ferguson Drive,

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, economy 7 electric heating & security entrance doors. Offering no upward chain whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, open plan lounge / dining area / fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and 2 allocated parking spaces.
OFFERS AROUND: £77,500
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### Tipton Dryden Close,

Purpose Built Ground Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and cul de sac location. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, wet-room and residential parking area.
OFFERS AROUND: £51,500
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### Tipton Arthur Road,

Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear and converted loft room. Offering immaculate internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, conservatory, extended fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, converted loft room, driveway to front, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
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### Tipton Sefton Grove, Woodford Hollow,

Modern Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location & extensions to ground / first floor. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining area, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £152,000
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### Tipton Nightingale Drive,

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen built in oven / hob, 1 bedroom, shower room & garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £57,500
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### Tipton Toll End Road,

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, lounge, cellar, sitting room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms and good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £87,500
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### Tipton Palethorpe Road,

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge (inglenook fireplace), fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
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### Tipton Castle Road,

Individual Traditional Detached which has beed renovated and much improved. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway and garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
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### Tipton Rugeley Close,

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £62,000
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### Tipton Hursey Drive, Standeridge Park,

Modern Semi Detached having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and fitted alarm. Reception hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Front Driveway, garage and Good Size Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £142,995
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### Tipton Park Lane West,

Well presented middle terrace residence which benefits from upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation and briefly comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £122,500
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### Tipton Parkes Lane,

Semi Detached having gas central heating and part upvc double glazing. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
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### Tipton Barney Close,

Immaculate Modern Detached which benefits from UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm, sought after location & briefly comprising, Reception Hall, Lounge, inner hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen / dining room with built in appliances, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Single Garage, Block Paved Driveway & Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.
OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
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### Tipton Greenlawns, St Marks Road,

Spacious Split Level Second Floor Flat having upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Offering no upward chain & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower & garage in separate block.
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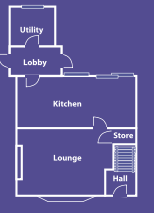


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## Wednesbury Bassett Road, Wednesb — NEW

- A Nicely Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £82,950
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## WEDNESBURY Chestnut Road — NEW

- A 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Popular Area
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £154,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Longcroft Avenue, Wedn — NEW

- A Truely Outstanding Period 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Corner Plot & Popular Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £234,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Darlaston Kennedy Crescent, Darl — NEW

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Ideally Located for Bilston & Darlaston Towns
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £118,995
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## Wednesbury Hydes Road, Wednesbu — NEW

- Substantial 3 Bedroom Edwardian Detached Home
- Original 'Sash' Windows
- Requiring General Upgrade
- Reception Hall with Mintern Tiled Floor & Cellar

OFFERS AROUND: £214,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Bassett Road, Wednesb — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
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## Wednesbury Phoenix Rise, Wednesb — REDUCED

- 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- UPVc Double Glazing (where specified)
- Electric Storage Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £59,995
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## Tipton Farmer Way, Burberry Gr — REDUCED

- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Central heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Excellent Amenities

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
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## Wednesbury Lodge Road, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As Specified)
- Quiet Location

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
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## **OPEN HOUSE** King Edward Street, Darlaston

- Period 2 Bedroom (and a loft room) Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Dining Room

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £55,000

## Darlaston Wolverhampton Street, — REDUCED

- A 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS OVER:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £63,000

## Darlaston Berry Avenue, Darlaston

- Presenting an Immaculate 3 Bedroom Mid Residence Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Darby Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Centrally Heated
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £109,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Somerset Crescent, Woods Estate,

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £114,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Tipton Weston Drive, Woodford Hollow,

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double GLazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £122,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Oaktree Road, Wednesbury

- Semi-Detached In Need Of Upgrading
- Porch Entrance & Reception Hall
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## Wednesbury Connaught Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Tidy 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £102,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

## West Bromwich Pennyhill Lane, West Br — NEW

An Attractive, Modern Mid Town House located on the highly sought after Penny Hill Lane. Having 5 bedrooms with 2 ensuites, this property really must be seen to be appreciated. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge/ Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Ensuites, Family Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage with rear Courtyard with Parking Space.
OFFERS AROUND: £234,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Church Vale, West Brom — NEW

A two bedroom first floor flat convenient for local transport, Sandwell hospital, West Bromwich and surrounding areas. Much Improved by the current vendors. Gas centrally heated and double glazed with accommodation to include hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, parking and communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Charlemont Avenue, We — NEW

An Attractive Traditional Semi Detached House situated within the highly regarded cul de sac of Charlemont Avenue. Benefitting From No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen & Dining Room, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Verandah, Large Rear Garden, Front Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## Walsall The Grove, Yew Tree Est — NEW

A Spacious Two Bedroom Semi Detached House, Improved to a high standard buy the current vendors. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Rear Utility Room, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Front Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Hydes Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractive 4 bedroom detached in a highly popular residential area. impressively refurbished and expanded by the current owners. Benefiting from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. Accomodation comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining area, Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden with decked area, Off Road Parking To Front.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £199,950

## West Bromwich Bromford Lane, West Br — REDUCED

In investment opportunity to purchase two terraced properties with land to rear suitable for developement (subject to planning permission). Benefitting form No Upward Chain, Each property comprises, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms. Veiwing is necessary to see the full potential on offer.
Each Property
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £89,950

## West Bromwich Kinths Crescent, West B — REDUCED

A Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House located at the head of a quiet cul de sac within the highly sought after Dagger Lane Area. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises, Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Driveway Parking to Front, Lawn Dagger Garden, Garage and Equivalent Parking Area with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £139,950

## West Bromwich Hallam Street, West Bromwich

A Deceptively Spacious Mid Terraced House with excellent location for Sandwell Hospital, Dartmouth Park and Town Centre. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Breifley comprising long Hall with access to Cellar, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 2 Large Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC and Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Claypit Lane, West Bromwich

An Extended Spacious Traditional Semi Detached House, requiring redecoration and refurbishment but priced accordingly. Benefitting from No Upward Chain, Central Heating and Almost Entirely Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC and Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Hawkins Street, West Bromwich

EXTENDED, 2 RECEPTION ROOMS. An Impressive, Extended, Semi Detached House. Tastefully decorated. Internal inspection recommended. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Storm Porch, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground floor Shower Room/ Wc, 3 Bedrooms, Good sized Bathroom/Wc. Driveway and Garage. Includes carpets, curtains, blinds and net curtains as fitted.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich West Gate Plaza, West Bromwich

A Charming First Floor Apartment within the Ultra Modern Development of West Gate Plaza. Located in the Heart of West Bromwich Town Centre this property offers excellent situation for communications links and local amenities. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Video Intercom System. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Open Plan Lounge and Kitchen/ Diner, Bathroom/ WC and Master Bedroom. Secure Residents Only Car Park Area to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £86,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich St Georges Place, Bratt Street, West

A First Floor Maisonette being sold with 70% shared ownership and age restricted for over 55's only. Benefitting from Electric Storage Heating and No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises- Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, Large Bedroom, Communal Parking Area to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £37,950

## West Bromwich Beechwood Road, West Bromwich

A Spacious Traditional Semi Detached House located within a highly sought after residential area. No Upward Chain. Excellent location for Town Centre and Local Amenities. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room (Originally Two Rooms), Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Block Paved Driveway to Front, Attractive Rear Garden, Garage with Shed Area with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND: £164,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## Oldbury New Birmingham Road, Tividale,

An Extended Semi Detached House with excellect location for motorway links and Sandwell & Dudley Rail Station. Benefitting from Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Witton Lane, West Bromwich

A Good Size Double Fronted Mid Terraced House with No Upward Chain. Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises; Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Block Paved Front Garden and low maintenance Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich All Saints Way, West Bromwich

An Attractive Modern Semi Detached with Excellent Location for regular bus services and the hospital. Benefiting From Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarmed and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Refitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Consenatory, Good Sized Garage to the Rear, lawned front garden and south facing rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

## West Bromwich Bull Lane, West Bromwich

An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House requiring upgrading and refurbishment but priced accordingly. Benefitting from Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Briefley Comprises Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Seperate WC, 3 Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage and Car Port To Rear.
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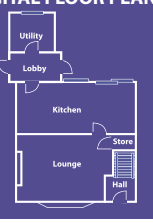


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- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

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- Bathroom
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- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
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- Rear Garden

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## WEST BROMWICH
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- Family Bathroom
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## WEDNESBURY
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- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Two Bedrooms with En-Suite
- Rear Garden

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## WEST BROMWICH
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- Lounge
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RYDDING SQUARE
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- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Lounge
- Conservatory
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- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

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- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

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- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

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## BILSTON
LEIGHTON ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

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## TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens

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## WEDNESBURY
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

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## TIPTON
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- Kitchen
- Veranda
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- Bathroom
- Garage

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- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Garage

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- Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway

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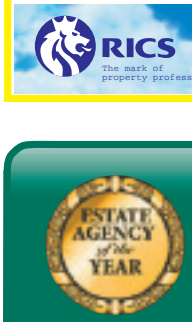

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# HomeBuy Direct scheme gives help for those trying to get on the property ladder

NINETEEN homes at Barratt West Midlands' Hodkins Place development are now available under the HomeBuy Direct scheme thanks to a new release of cash from the Government's Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

The scheme on Leabrook Road is the only development in Wednesbury to secure the funds to provide the HomeBuy Direct product, enabling new buyers to get a foot on the property ladder.

Buyers at Hodkins Place could move into a two-bedroom apartment priced at £91,950 for an initial outlay of £64,365 and the deposit could be as low as £4,597.50.

"This is great news that should interest anyone looking to buy a home in Wednesbury who doesn't have a big deposit," said Graydon Worthing, Sales Director for Barratt West Midlands.

"Everyone knows that public spending is being squeezed at the moment, so it's great news that local people will still be able to get on the property ladder with the help of Government money.

"I'd advise anyone who is interested to come and talk to us as soon as possible. There will be a lot of demand for a limited number of homes and buyers will be served on a first come first served basis.

"HomeBuy Direct can dramatically reduce the initial cost of purchasing a house and for people who have been priced out of the market for years this is an outstanding opportunity to own their own home."

## Opportunity

The scheme gives buyers the opportunity to move in for only 70 per cent of the price with the remaining 30 per cent covered by a loan from Barratt and the HCA. Because a smaller mortgage is required, monthly repayments should be more affordable.

HomeBuy Direct is open to a wide range of people who don't currently own their own home. Eligible households will be earning less than £60,000.

Rob Kilby, investment and regeneration manager for the HCA in Wednesbury said; "We are delighted that our additional investment at Leabrook Road will enable more people to get their foot on the property ladder and benefit first time buyers in and around Wednesbury."

Hodkins Place features two-bedroom apartments and three- and four-bedroom houses priced from £91,950.

For more information about the homes available at Hodkins Place contact the sales office on 0121 505 1857 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Or call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to website www.barratthomes.co.uk/hodkinsplace.

The team at Hodkins Place including Katie Yates, Sales Manager for Barratt West Midlands


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Oxford Road
A spacious, well proportioned, 3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property conveniently situated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms and rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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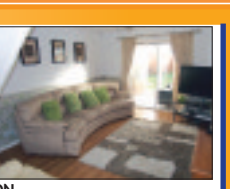
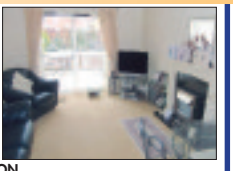
**TIPTON**
VICTORIA ROAD
★ Four bedroom end of terrace
★ Two reception rooms
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Downstairs shower room
★ Upstairs family bathroom
**£160,000**

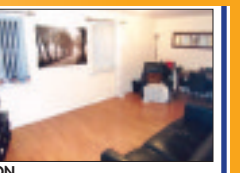


**TIPTON**
TOLL END ROAD
★ Two/three bedroom extended semi detached
★ Lounge and extended breakfast kitchen
★ Downstairs bedroom/dining room
★ Downstairs shower room and first floor family bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Separate detached garage, front and rear gardens
**£139,995**

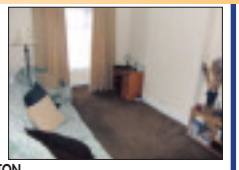
**TIPTON**
HUDSON ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining room and kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Garage
★ Rear garden
**£125,000**



**TIPTON**
MANSION DRIVE
★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage with driveway
★ Additional parking to the front
★ Rear garden
**£107,500**



**TIPTON**
GREAT MEADOW
★ Two bedroom coach house
★ Entrance hall
★ Lounge
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Allocated parking
**£89,995**



**TIPTON**
PARK LANE WEST
★ Two bedroom mid terrace
★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ First floor bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Rear garden
**£89,995**

**TIPTON**
DOUGHTY CLOSE
★ Modern four bedroom detached on corner plot
★ Lounge with dining area and kitchen and utility room
★ Cloakroom, bathroom and en suite
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Central heating double glazing (where specified)
**£214,995**

**TIPTON**
HAINES CLOSE
★ Modern three bedroom detached
★ Lounge/diner, Conservatory
★ Downstairs WC, en suite to master bedroom
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Rear garden
**£163,500**

**TIPTON**
BLOOMFIELD ROAD
★ Three bedroom detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Kitchen, storage/utility room
★ Downstairs WC
★ Garage with electric doors
★ Driveway with parking for several vehicles
★ Rear garden
**£154,995**

**TIPTON**
ANCHOR DRIVE
★ Modern three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Driveway
★ Rear garden
**£147,500**

# FIRST TIME BUYERS EVENING

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**TIPTON**
ANNE GROVE
★ Three bedroom extended semi detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Extended kitchen
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
**£138,950**

**TIPTON**
MONINS AVENUE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
**£119,995**

**TIPTON**
KINGSWAY AVENUE
★ Three bedroom mid terrace
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Downstairs WC
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Front and rear gardens
**£97,995**

**WEST BROMWICH**
ANSON ROAD
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ Extended kitchen
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Front, rear and large side gardens
**WAS £87,500 NOW £79,950**

**TIPTON**
THE OAKS, ELIZABETH WALK
★ New build dormer bungalow
★ Three bedrooms
★ En suite to master bedrooms
★ Downstairs bathroom
★ Open plan lounge and fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
★ Rear garden
**£159,995**

**WEDNESBURY**
COLLINS ROAD
★ This traditional-style three bedroom semi detached home
★ Well presented accommodation with potential for future extension (subject to Local Authority planning permission).
**£144,950**

**TIPTON**
WAKE GREEN ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Two reception rooms
★ Family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garge and off road parking
★ Rear garden
★ In need of modernisation
**£139,950**

**TIPTON**
BANKFIELD ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Majority double glazing
★ Gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Front and rear gardens
**£127,000**

**TIPTON**
MYRTLE TERRACE
★ Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Garage/Gymnasium
★ Driveway
★ Large rear garden
**£124,995**

**TIPTON**
SEFTON GROVE
★ Two bedroom modern detached
★ One reception room and kitchen diner
★ Recently refitted shower room
★ Car port and off road parking
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
**£120,000**

**TIPTON**
BROAD CROFT
★ Two bedroom mid terrace
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Tandem off road parking for two cars
★ Rear garden
**WAS £99,995 NOW £94,995**

**TIPTON**
LEVESON DRIVE
★ Three bedroom modern semi detached
★ Entrance hall
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
**£119,995**

**TIPTON**
TOLL END ROLL
★ Modern two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge and conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Off road parking
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
**£104,995**

**Tipton**
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## Residential Lettings

### Oldbury
Tividale Road

- ★ One bed first floor flat
- ★ Hallway and lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Bedroom with storage areas
- ★ Bathroom with shower
- ★ Shared access pathway

**£295 pcm**

### Cradley Heath
Halesowen Road

- ★One bed ground floor maisonette.
- ★Open plan kitchen/diner
- ★CH & DG
- ★Bathroom with electric shower
- ★Unfurnished
- ★ORP

**£325 pcm**

### Bilston
Herringshaw Gardens

- ★ One bed first floor apartment
- ★ Unfurnished. Double glazed
- ★ Fitted kitchen with cooker
- ★ Gas central heated
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Off road parking

**£395 pcm**

### Tipton
Middle Meadow

- ★ One bed first floor apartment
- ★ Lounge with Juliette balcony
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Communal gardens & parking space

**£400 pcm**

### Tipton
Bonneville Close

- ★ One bedroom first floor flat
- ★ Gas central heated and double glazed
- ★ Juliette balconies
- ★ Kitchen with fitted appliances
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Allocated parking

**£425 pcm**

### Dudley
Hilderic Crescent

- ★ Two bed maisonette
- ★ Lounge with coal gas fire
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Gas central heated
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Rear garden. Off road parking

**£450 pcm**

# ATTENTION LANDLORDS

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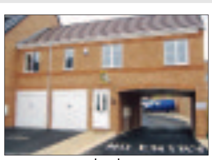
### Willenhall
Ravensbourne Grove

- ★ Three bed semi detached house
- ★ Lounge & fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Downstairs WC
- ★ Bathroom with shower & shower
- ★ Enclosed rear garden & garage

**£450 pcm**



### Wednesbury
Blenheim Drive

- ★ Two bed first floor apartment
- ★ Reception room
- ★ Fully fitted open plan kitchen/diner
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Alarmed
- ★ Off road parking

**£475 pcm**

### Dudley
Sycamore Green

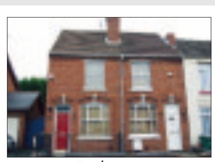
- ★ Three bed semi detached house
- ★ Gas central heated
- ★ Entrance hall, lounge & fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with separate WC
- ★ Front and rear gardens

**£480 pcm**

### Dudley
Inhedge Street

- ★ Recently modernized two storey mid terrace
- ★ Gas central heated & double glazed
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Enclosed rear garden
- ★ Immediate occupation

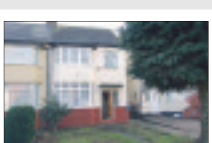
**£495 pcm**



### Netherton
Cradley Road

- ★ Two bed end of terrace
- ★ Gas central heated & double glazed
- ★ Spacious lounge ★ separate dining room
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with corner bath & shower cubicle
- ★ Feature loft area & enclosed rear garden

**£500 pcm**



### Oldbury
Roway Lane

- ★ Three bed semi detached house
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Fitted kitchen with veranda off
- ★ Refitted bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Central heated & double glazed
- ★ Front & rear gardens. Double garage/store

**£ 550 pcm**

### Tipton
Steadman Court

- ★ Two bed first floor apartment
- ★ Gas central heated & double glazed
- ★ Lounge with Juliette balcony
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Communal gardens with parking
- ★ Viewing Highly Recommended

**£495 pcm**

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**BEARWOOD**
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# DEREK SPIRES
## ESTATE AGENTS

### UPLANDS AVENUE, ROWLEY REGIS

Situated in a popular and convenient residential locality this well presented extended traditional semi-detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. The property has been much improved and briefly comprises: storm porch, reception hall, two living rooms, extended kitchen, large conservatory, utility, side garage, three bedrooms, shower room, good sized foregarden with off street parking for three cars, long rear garden. Freehold

**£139,950**

**Viewing: Oldury Office**

### CROSSWELLS ROAD, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this well presented traditional style semi-detached residence offering good much improved accommodation having three bedrooms, bathroom, front living room, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, lobby, toilet, off street parking to front and further access to parking to rear. Freehold.

**Offers based on £124,000**

**Viewing: Oldbury Office**

### HIGHBURY ROAD, OLDBURY

Full internal inspectionis highly recommended for this well presented semi detached residence contained in a popular locality, the prperty benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises reception hall, ope plan lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, laundry room with toilet off, side garage, three bedrooms, bathroom, excellent large gardens, freehold.

**Offers based on: £149,950**

**Viewing: Oldbury Office**

NEW

### THE PINEWAYS, OLDBURY

Situated on a quiet residential development just off Newbury Lane, Oldbury, this well presented ground floor flat offers good accommodation and requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and offers fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, allocated parking.

**Offers based on £84,950**

**Viewing: Oldbury Office**

NEW

### BOROUGH CRESCENT, OLDBURY

This modern detached residence requires full internal inspection to be appreciated, it benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and offers good accommodation of front lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, inner hall with cloakroom, integral garage, large conservatory, four bedrooms (master with en suite), house bathroom, gardens fore and rear, freehold.

**Offers based on £189,950**

**Viewing: Oldbury Office**

### MALLARD DRIVE, OLDBURY

Situated on a popular residential development this excellently presented modern mid town house offers good accommodation and forms an ideal first time purchase, it benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises hall, open plan lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens fore and rear, allocated parking. Freehold

**Offers based on £99,950**

**Viewing Oldbury Office**

### PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most attractively improved and exceptionally convenient traditional style freehold end villa residence located in this popular area, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, hall, dining room, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and delightful garden to the rear, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

**Offers based on: £149,950**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

### KATHERINE ROAD

Enjoying a popular and exceptionally convenient location in this established neighbourhood close to both Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods, a traditional freehold terraced villa offering centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include two bedrooms, bathroom, hall, sitting room, separate lounge, kitchen, laundry/utility room, downstairs wc and gardens, enjoying comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand including easy access to Birmingham City centre but being in need of some further upgrading.

**£126,950**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

### POTTERY ROAD

Delightfully situated in this much sought after neighbourhood, a traditional style freehold semi-detached residence having been expensively improved to an exacting specification, to include new double glazing, central heating, electrics and water supply pipes, now offering immaculate accommodation to include three bedrooms, attractive shower room, hall, dining room, extended lounge, superb fully refitted kitchen/breakfast room laundry/utility room, laid out south facing garden with large patio, two car off street parking and having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection absolutely essential.

**Offers based on £194,950**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

### BOWDEN ROAD, SMETHWICK

Situated in a pleasant established neighbourhood convenient for comprehensive day to day amenities, a traditional style freehold villa residence offering gas central heated and part PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor, two reception rooms and kitchen downstairs, together with garden to the rear, having High Street amenities close at hand and ideally suited for first time buyers.

**£104,950**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

### HARDEN KEEP, SMETHWICK

A most pleasantly situated, easily maintained and centrally heated modern bungalow residence specifically designed for the over 60s and forming part of an attractively laid out secure development of similar homes leading off Millpool Way in Smethwick, having two bedrooms, bathroom with shower, lounge, kitchen and gardens, having the benefit of emergency pull switches to principal rooms and being offered with a 95% equity share in conjunction with Handen Housing Association.

**£75,950 or nearest offers**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

### BISHOPTON ROAD

Enjoying a much favoured residential location in this pleasant neighbourhood adjacent to Lightwoods Park, a traditional style freehold villa residence incorporating a number of original features and offering gas centrally heated and part PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and garden to the rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre and being ideal for first time purchasers with internal inspection to be appreciated.

**£129,950**

**Viewing: Bearwood Office**

# PUBLIC AUCTION

Our next collective auction sale is scheduled for

**MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2011**

at **6.30pm** at

**The Portland, 241 Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B17 8LS**

***LOT1:*** **222 BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 9NK**
Traditional Freehold, double fronted 2 bedroom semi-detached, centrally heated and double glazed, but needing improvement................................**£85 - £90,000**

***LOT 2:*** **26 KESTREL ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8AS**
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached, part double glazed and part centrally heated.............**£90 - £100,000**

***LOT 3:*** **214 MONTAGUE ROAD, SMETHWICK, B66 4PN**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terrace with central hetaing, needing some improvement...................**£circa. £75,000**

***LOT 4:*** **1 WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5HN**
1 bedroomed ground floor self-contained flat ...**£75 - £85,000**

***LOT 5:*** **398 CITY ROAD, TIVIDALE, B69 1QZ**
Traditional centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed end terrace, needing some upgrading ...............................................**£60-£65,000**

***LOT 6:*** **116 BROADMOOR AVENUE, SMETHWICK, B67 6JU**
Freehold semi-detached 2 bedroomed, centrally heated property in need of some general modernisation.............................................**£80-£85,000**

***LOT 7:*** **33 CASTLE ROAD WEST, OLDBURY, B68 0EN**
Traditional Freehold, centrally heated 3 bedroomed semi-detached, in need of some general improvement..........................................**£100 - £110,000**

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WINSON GREEN Sale Price £169,950
TUDOR STREET
An extended semi-detached property comprising: entrance hallway, through lounge, further reception room, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and central heating where specified, garage, driveway for ample cars, rear garden, views overlooking park.
BEARWOOD £135,000
KATHERINE ROAD
Reduced for quick sale - NO CHAIN. Spacious mid terraced property comprising of vestibule, entrance hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two large double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and central heated where specified, front and rear gardens. Internal viewing highly recommendedl.
SMETHWICK Sale Price £68,875
HARDEN KEEP
A semi detached bungalow set in over 60's complex. The property comprises entrance hallway, reception room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating where specified, set in communal grounds, no chain.
HOCKLEY Sale Price £109,950
QUAYSIDE
Connells are pleased to offer this modern town house comprising hallway, reception room, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). Front and rear gardens, allocated parking. No chain.
SMETHWICK Sale Price £140,000
WILLIAM ROAD
A semi-detached property, comprising hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, conservatory, utility area, cloakroom, three bedrooms, upstairs shower room, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front driveway, rear garden. NO CHAIN.
BIRMINGHAM Sale Price £375,000
RESERVOIR ROAD
A double fronted Georgian semi-detached spacious property with internal viewing most highly recommended, comprising hallway, 3 reception rooms, refitted breakfast/kitchen, utility room, ground floor shower room, 5 bedrooms, family bathroom plus separate cloakroom, further kitchenette, rear gardens, plus ample parking.
SMETHWICK Sale Price £118,500
TALBOT ROAD
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-terraced property comprising entrance hallway, two reception rooms, refitted kitchen, cloakroom, two bedrooms, refitted upstairs bathroom with shower cubicle, double glazed and centrally heated, front and rear gardens. No Chain
OLDBURY £104,950
YARDLEY CLOSE
A spacious 3 storey town house, comprising cloakroom, re-fitted kitchen/diner, reception room, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front driveway and rear garden.
SMETHWICK Sale Price £85,000
OAKWOOD ROAD
A mid-terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, breakfast area, fitted kitchen, re-fitted ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.
SMETHWICK Sale Price £110,000
CLIFTON ROAD
A mid terraced property comprising vestibule, two reception rooms, refitted kitchen, refitted ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, double glazed and central heated where specified, front and rear gardens.
WINSON GREEN £77,995
Reduced
KIRBY ROAD
An end terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). NO CHAIN
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LANGLEY, OLDBURY £123,495
POPLAR AVENUE
Connells are pleased to present this desirable three bedroom end terrace property, benefiting from two reception rooms, family bathroom, storage heaters, double glazing, rear garden and garage. This property is in a unique location.
TIVIDALE £135,000
TEMPLE WAY
Connells are marketing this three bed semi detached property comprising of lounge, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended.
OLDBURY £84,950
WATERSIDE COURT, TITFORD ROAD
Two bedroom first floor apartment having lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), allocated parking. Vacant Possession
TIVIDALE £139,995
MACDONALD CLOSE
Connells are pleased to present this three storey, three bedroomed semi detached property consisting of entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, master en-suite, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.
ROWLEY REGIS £150,000
New Instruction
HIGHBURY AVENUE
Connells are pleased to present this three bed extended semi detached property comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, upstairs bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
ROWLEY REGIS £108,950
Reduced
UPLANDS AVENUE
Three bed end terraced comprising of: lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing and central heating (where specified). Vacant Possession
OLDBURY £152,950
Reduced
BIRCHLEY PARK AVENUE
Connells are marketing this three bed semi-detached property consisting of lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, upstairs bathroom, off road parking and garage. Having double glazing and gas central heating (where specified). Beautiful front and rear gardens, viewing is recommended
OLDBURY £133,950
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# Blue is the colour for new Corsa VXR

Hot on the heels of the new-look Corsa range, the flagship VXR Blue Edition features new styling details, additional kit as standard and a head-turning paintjob – at a price designed to send its rivals into a spin.

Costing £19,425 on the road, and including VAT at 20 per cent, the Corsa VXR Blue undercuts key competitors like the Citroen DS3 R and the Mini Cooper Works by up to £3,600.

Included in its price, this limited edition model features Arden Blue metallic paint, 18-inch alloys, dark-tinted glass, bespoke interior air vents and Recaro seats – that equates to a £445 saving compared with the cost of speccing a 'standard' Corsa VXR with this kit.

Like other models in the new-look Corsa range, the VXR and VXR Blue sport new 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps and a signature bar across the grille, coloured in blue.

But in addition, the VXR gets a more aggressive front end, with deep in-set fog lamps, a wider and more prominent grille and a low, sculpted front spoiler to boost its sporting appeal.

Inside, blue detailing can be found throughout, including the stitching on the leather steering-wheel, the interior air-vent colour and the trim on the Recaro seats.

Powered by the lightweight 1.6 Turbo, producing 192PS, this VXR boasts a 0-60mph time of just 6.8 seconds and a top speed of 140mph.

An overboost feature increases maximum torque to 260+Nm when the power is needed.

The Corsa VXR Blue comes with lowered sports suspension, uprated brakes and switchable Electronic Stability Programme (ESP), guaranteeing enthusiastic drivers a fine mix of dynamic security and adjustability.

Available to order now, the Corsa VXR Blue will arrive at dealers in February.

The limited edition Vauxhall Corsa VXR Blue has higher specification than the standard car for £19,425

# Don't rely on instinct when it's time to buy

BRITISH car buyers still rely too much on their 'trust instinct' and fail to ask for bills of sale or service history documentation when buying a used vehicle.

Many cling on to the idea of a 'gentleman's agreement' for fear of offending the seller when they should treat the transaction as a formal business agreement.

Vehicle information expert HPI warned that many drivers were distracted by gadgets and a shiny exterior.

But a top-of-the-range vehicle specification is no con- solation if it turns out the vehicle has been stolen, has outstanding finance against it, or has been clocked or cloned.

### Attention

An HPI check offers used car buyers the protection they need.

Consumer services manager Nicola Johnson said: "It is well known that initial impressions are formed in the first 20 seconds of meeting, and it may be in the first 20 seconds of viewing a vehicle that a car buyer will decide to buy.

"After this, all attention to detail flies out of the window and buying with the head gives way to buying with the heart.

"All too often, used car buyers are taken in by shiny paintwork and a sparkling interior when shopping for their next car, as this naturally suggests everything is in order.

"However, it is important for buyers to remain neutral and inspect a vehicle carefully, as a hidden history can be lurking just beneath the surface."

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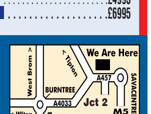


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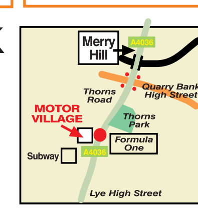


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Aaron Lloyd can't believe it when his penalty is saved

# Lockmen undone as United hit back to climb Alliance

**CAUSEWAY 3 WILLENHALL 1**

CAUSEWAY climbed up to fourth in the Midland Alliance following a win over struggling Willenhall.

The visitors found themselves under pressure straight from the kick-off as they conceded a penalty after just six minutes when Causeway striker Danny Jones was floored by Matthew Dorgan.

Aaron Lloyd's spot-kick was denied by visiting keeper Liam Flynn who guided the ball around the post and out for a corner.

However, from the resulting corner, the ball found Jones at the far post and he forced it home.

## Injuries

The Willenhall management were then forced into a double change, because of injuries, with Craig Oldfield and Dean Williams replacing Dorgan and Jamie Fisher.

United found visiting keeper Flynn again in fine form, as he denied efforts from Lloyd, Ben Stretton and Jones, in what was a one-sided first half.

Lloyd could only watch in disbelief as his close-range header was cleared off the line by Dan Grizzle on 26 minutes.

At the other end, keeper Todd Henderson was rarely troubled, although his services were called upon – two minutes before the break – when he was tested by Willenhall captain Mitch Fellows who was denied with Henderson at full-stretch.

But within 14 seconds of the restart, a Ricky Nicholls through-ball again found Fellows whose lighting strike was inches wide.

It was clear that the Lockmen were up for the fight as they came out a very different side.

Four minutes later, with United under pressure, substitute Williams intercepted a Sam Beasley back-pass and, from the edge of the box, he beat Henderson with a superb curling effort.

The game became an-end-to-end affair with the visitors almost taking the lead when, on 65 minutes, a Tobias Salmon through ball found Fellows. His shot, however, beat Henderson but also flashed past the post.

The visitors were punished, two minutes later, when United's Stretton brought the home fans to their feet with a thunderous strike which gave Flynn little chance.

Now back in front, United pressed forward and Jones was unfortunate to see his close-range effort forced wide by Andre Calder following a good solo run from the halfway line.

The game was put to bed, 13 minutes from time, when a cross from the left – supplied by Adam Meacham – found its way into a packed Willenhall area, and the ball was scrambled home by Will Tibbetts.

Second-from-bottom Willenhall refused to accept defeat but, ultimately, ran out of time as Causeway celebrated a battling league victory.

# Payback time – £24m Bent makes instant impact at Villa

CONFIDENCE is not a commodity that is available for purchase – but the next best thing is a player of the quality of Darren Bent.

Most of the focus has been on the hefty £24m price tag along with the ensuing war of words involving Villa boss Gerard Houllier and Sunderland manager Steve Bruce that followed.

Bent undoubtedly is a top-class goalscorer, but the significance and impact of his arrival has been so much more than he probably realises.

Bent has given Aston Villa Football Club the kind of boost in confidence that even the millions of Manchester City owner Sheikh Mansour can't buy.

You could sense a fresh sense of optimism around Villa Park and some of those who stayed away for the match against Sunderland had been tempted back.

It was as if those Villa fans inside the old ground had suddenly rediscovered their love for the game again. The Holte End had found its voice.

Houllier also has his swagger back. The confidence of the conviction he had when he strode into that first press conference has returned.

But most crucially of all, it has given the rest of the Villa squad a huge lift and all of sudden they are playing for the manager, for the fans and for each other.

How different things were less than a month ago.

Rewind to Villa's 4-0 defeat by City at Eastlands at the end of December that saw them hit their lowest point of the campaign so far.

**VILLA 1**
**MAN CITY 0**

They were out-played, out-classed and out-muscled by a City side who looked every inch a team challenging for the title.

The travelling Villa fans that day jeered their own manager, booed off the team and even the most optimistic observers were unable to find any positives. Villa hit rock bottom on that miserable day in Manchester.

However, they are now stronger for the experience and the contrast in this game was remarkable.

Credit must be given to Houllier not just for pressing for the purchase of Bent but for naming a starting line-up packed full of attacking intent.

It was a gamble on the Frenchman's behalf – the temptation must have been to try and contain a City side packed full of world-class talent. But Houllier left nothing in the locker and accommodated all of his attacking players in a 4-4-1-1 formation with Bent leading the line.

## Friendship

Bent's arrival will also do much to persuade Ashley Young that his future remains with the claret and blues. Their friendship off the pitch was transferred to their link-up play on it and there is definitely chemistry between the two players which will hold Villa in good stead. With 18 months left on his contract Young is reaching a crossroadsand must make a decision whether to stay at the club.

But if Villa can resist offers in the remaining days of the transfer window, Young could yet put pen to paper on a new deal.

But what of Bent's performance on the pitch? Well, he did exactly the kind of thing that Villa have been crying out for since the end of last year and get in the right positions to put the ball in the net.

The 26-year-old striker's debut was actually relatively subdued but the calmness and predatory instincts he showed with the finish have been sorely lacking at Villa.

In fact, the official statistics showed that Bent only touched the ball 27 times during the whole 90 minutes, but it was one those touches which decided the destination of the points.

When a match is so finely balanced it is often the team that takes the big chance under pressure that comes out on top.

With Marc Albrighton, Stewart Downing, Gabby Agbonlahor and Young to provide the balls, you cannot help but feel Bent could even eclipse his goal totals of previous seasons at some stage in his Villa career.

Houllier made three changes from the side that drew 1-1 with Birmingham as new-boy Bent started in attack in place of John Carew after the Norway international joined Stoke on loan.

Carlos Cuellar replaced Kyle Walker, who missed out with a slight back injury, while Young returned from suspension and ousted Nigel Reo-Coker in midfield.

City looked dangerous from set-pieces in the early stages of the game but it was that man Bent who set the game alight with exactly kind of finish that prompted Houllier to splash the cash.

Young was released by clever pass from Agbonlahor down the left and City goalkeeper Joe Hart parried his curling effort from the edge of the penalty area. But Bent was there in a flash and calmly caressed the ball into the net from close range to give Villa the lead in the 18th minute.

Young almost set up Bent again in the 30th minute after he escaped the attentions of Villa old-boy Gareth Barry with a clever drop of the shoulder but his through-ball was just taken off the toe of Bent by Kolo Toure.

City almost levelled six minutes later when Jerome Boateng's inch-perfect cross from the right was met by Barry but his glancing header just went past the post with Brad Friedel beaten.

## Acrobatic

There was no let up in the tempo after the half-time interval and Friedel kept out a piledriver from Boateng at his near post in the 50th minute.

The imposing James Collins brilliantly blocked an acrobatic attempt from Carlos Tevez in the 78th minute and Nigel De Jong's shot deflected off the sprawling Ciaran Clark and clipped the post eight minutes later.

City piled on the pressure in the final 10 minutes and £27m Edin Dzeko should have done better with a header when David Silva crossed into the box.

The Bosnian striker impressed with his all-round game but it was Bent who won the battle of the £51m forwards with the decisive strike to pay back the first installment of his transfer fee and reignite Villa's season in the process.

Celebration time – Darren Bent sets off towards the Villa fans after his match-winning strike

## TALKING POINT

**WHERE DOES HESKEY FIT IN?**

Emile Heskey was available after a three-match suspension for the game against Wigan on Tuesday of this week, and until the signing of Darren Bent he had been manager Gerard Houllier's first choice to start in attack.

Undoubtedly the Villa boss will persist with Bent up front after his debut goal but he must decide how to integrate Heskey into his plans.

Cameroon midfielder John Makoun will also come into contention. Having gone from a dearth of players through injury Houllier now has a wealth of options which brings another set of – albeit welcome – problems.

## Next two games…

**BLACKBURN (H) JAN 29**

A chance to make progress in the FA Cup and perhaps the opportunity for some fringe players to be involved.

**MAN UTD (A) FEB 1**

United are unbeaten in the league this season but if Villa can win their previous two games don't rule out an upset.

# Barbarians bounce back to secure win

DaveLawley put Babas back in charge

BIRMINGHAM Barbarians maintained their fine form in this Rugby Union Merit Table fixture with a hard fought 17-15 win over Aldridge 2nd XV.

The Moor Lane-based Barbarians looked out of sorts in the first half and paid the price by conceding two unconverted tries but they came out with all guns blazing after the break to reduce the deficit.

Sam Swancutt grabbed his second try in two weeks with a typical unstoppable power play converted by Lee Lamburn.

Aldridge hit back almost immediately with an unconverted try but a driving maul saw Dave Lawley touch down for the Barbarians with ten minutes left. Lamburn's conversion made it 14-15 setting up a frantic final few minutes. It was his boot again that secured victory with a successful late penalty attempt.

The Barbarians face Wheaton Aston this weekend with the second XV scheduled to face Yardley and District.

# Leisure bosses target borough commuters

SANDWELL Leisure Trust is targeting commuters on Metro trams to promote local fitness facilities in Smethwick.

Smethwick Swimming Centre, Hadley Stadium and Harry Mitchell Leisure Centre have all teamed up in a joint marketing campaign to raise awareness of local services.

Mark Wildman, marketing manager for Sandwell Leisure Trust, said: "Part of our aim in creating an active Sandwell is to also show there is an affordable choice of quality leisure centres to use and enjoy locally. We have an excellent range of gym and fitness facilities in Smethwick including ladies only and hammer strength weight training.

## Sale

"Choosing public transport networks to promote our services is also an effective way to target local residents.

Leisure Centres in Sandwell are having a sale on sport and leisure activities across the borough.

Badminton, five-a-side, swimming and tennis are just some of the sports with special offers available.

Mark Wildman added: "We have discounts on team sports like five-a-side and great ways to enjoy some time with friends with half-price badminton, discounts on tennis and two for one on swimming."

To find out more about what is available and how to save money with Leisure Pass visit www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call 0845 659 4815.

# Brummies swoop on Coventry for Barker

BIRMINGHAM Speedway have added British racer Ben Barker to their Elite League squad for the new season.

Barker, 22, was a major player in Coventry's stunning Elite League title success last season and joins Krzysztof Kasprzak in making the switch across from Brandon.

He will share a team spot with Rene Bach in a doubling-up role which also sees him riding for Premier League newcomers Plymouth.

## Crowd-pleaser

Brummies boss Graham Drury said: "We are delighted with the signing of Ben, a real crowd-pleaser.

"He will delight our supporters, there is no doubt about that.

"He never knows when he is beaten. Even if he is at the back in the early stages of a race he will remain totally committed for the full four laps and he is a good signing for us."

Barker will make his first appearance as a Brummies rider when he appears in the Telford Ice meetings on Sunday, February 13. The event, ironically co-promoted by Drury, features England versus Rest of the World at 3pm, followed by the British Open Ice championship in the evening session.

GB international James Wright has has also recently joined Birmingham for the 2011 season. Wright, from Stockport, will double-up with Premier League Workington. He is a Birmingham asset after club owner Tony Mole maintained his registration following his departure from Workington so he will race for the Cumbrians on loan as well as his parent club.

# sport

**MAN OF THE MATCH**
**JEROME THOMAS**

The wideman blotted his copy-book a little with a late booking for diving but he still produced his most lively display for a while.
His pace and quick feet gave former Real Madrid full-back Michel Salgado a testing afternoon and, but for two good saves by Paul Robinson, he could have got his name on the scoresheet.

## Don't be too hard on the back line, Olsson urges fans

JONAS Olsson launched an impassioned defence of Albion's backline after they slid to their seventh defeat in eight matches at Blackburn.

Olsson leapt to the defence of centre-back partner Gabriel Tamas, whose nightmare day at Ewood Park aided Rovers to a 2-0 win and left the Baggies without a clean sheet in 21 Premier League matches.

Tamas scored an embarrassing own goal and was beaten by Junior Hoilett for Rovers' second to leave Albion with the joint worst defensive record in the top division. They have conceded two or more goals in their last seven league fixtures.

But Olsson, who returned to Premier League action af the weekend after three months out through injury, said: "Twenty-one games without a clean sheet is not a good statistic but I always say we defend as a team and we attack as a team.

### Confident

"We can't just single out a back four for defensive problems and we don't always single out the strikers when we attack. I'm confident in the guys I have next to me and in front of me.

"Was it bad defending? I know it's 21 games without a clean sheet and that's not good enough but I'm sure we will try to make that better."

Meanwhile, captain Chris Brunt warned Albion to avoid a repeat of their last Premier League relegation by ending the 'hard-luck stories'.

The Baggies midfielder admitted he was tired of reflecting on unlucky Premier League defeats after Di Matteo's men again gifted Blackburn goals.

"It wasn't the worst performance but ultimately we got no points again and that's been the story of our last six weeks," he said. "Last week, the one time we didn't play overly well (against Blackpool), we picked up three points. It's getting a bit frustrating. It's sounding like two years ago all over again.

"We shot ourselves in the foot just before half-time and that's a poor time to concede.

"It's disappointing but we've got to move on now. It's gone now and we have to look ahead to the game against Wigan.

"We need to start picking up points fast and that is a good opportunity to do it.

"It's frustrating because we know how dangerous Blackburn are at set-pieces but we defended them pretty well, so it's disappointing to give them a goal from a mistake and a pretty soft second goal."

Brunt played down the controversy over referee Mark Clattenburg's failure to award Albion a penalty.

Replays showed Peter Odemwingie was chopped down just inside the penalty area but Clattenburg gave Albion a free-kick just outside the box.

"I did think at the time he had given a penalty but there weren't too many complaints that he had given a free kick," said Brunt.

Albion were this week continung their hunt for a new striker but reports claiming they are keen on Rangers striker James Beattie and Pierre Webo of Real Mallorca are wide of the mark.

Albion and Blackburn made Premier League history with a record 22 different nationalities represented on the field. The Baggies used 13 players, all of different nationalities.

Torrid time for Tamas - the Romanian scored an own goal and was beaten too easily by Hoilett for the second

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Peter Odemwingie tussles with Chris Samba

Jonas Olsson marks his return to Premier League action with a sliding challenge on David Hoilett

# Baggies pay for defensive woes

BY the time they take the field again, Albion hope a fresh face will be leading their attack.

But as the Hawthorns recruitment network pursued attacking reinforcements, concerns over the Baggies' ability at the opposite end of the field grew larger still on Sunday.

Blackburn gobbled up the softest of goals to leave the Baggies with seven defeats in eight matches and without a clean sheet in 21 games.

Roberto Di Matteo must know his side's defending needs major surgery to avoid a tense end to the season – and potential heartbreak again.

For much of an end-to-end match at Ewood Park, the Baggies held their own against one of the top-flight's most established mid-ranking clubs.

They could have scored goals and they might have had a penalty. Fortune did not smile on them.

But they have trotted out hard-luck tales too many times since their flying start to the season began to falter in late autumn. And they left Lancashire knowing, for all the bad breaks that undermined their attempts to rattle Rovers, they had once again handed out too many gifts.

Gabriel Tamas' own goal on the stroke of half-time was bizarre. David Hoilett's strike two minutes after the restart was thunderous but it owed much to more sleepy defending.

They left themselves once more with a mountain to climb. On another day they might have scaled it. But, as they have discovered on too many occasions in recent months, such climbs are hard.

Albion almost had the dream start when James Morrison charged down an errant pass from Gael Givet and headed on to Peter Odemwingie, who connected cleanly with a difficult shot from 20 yards but was denied by Paul Robinson's sprawling save after just 33 seconds.

Blackburn applied some pressure but it was Albion who carried the greater early threat and Robinson had to redeem an error to keep the scoresheet blank.

He was beaten to a loose ball by Paul Scharner but the keeper then stayed

**BLACKBURN 2**
**ALBION 0**

strong to turn Jerome Thomas's cross-shot around the far post. Albion had to rely on Boaz Myhill to keep them on level terms just before the half-hour.

A throw-in from the right was helped on by Roque Santa Cruz and it fell just inside the box for Martin Olsson, whose low shot was bundled away by the Baggies keeper.

Tamas then had to be alert to block a dangerous cross from Martin Olsson before Chris Samba sent a powerful low drive just wide from 25 yards.

Albion, however, were giving as good as they got and, after a good spell of possession, they almost went ahead.

Chris Brunt's fine crossfield pass released Thomas, who cut inside a wrong-footed Michel Salgado but saw his shot deflect off Samba into the side-netting.

They were behind four minutes from half-time, however, thanks to Tamas's horrid moment of misfortune.

David Dunn found space in the inside right channel and drifted a cross to the edge of the six-yard box, where the Albion defender rose above Nicola Kalinic and diverted the ball into the top corner. It could have been worse moments later when Dunn picked out Santa Cruz 10 yards from goal but his shot was saved by the agile Myhill.

Just before half-time there was a chance at the other end, where Chris Brunt's excellent pass was perfect for the run of Scharner, whose low shot was diverted wide by the sliding Samba.

That gave Albion hope for the second half but that bubble of optimism was punctured just two minutes after the restart.

Kalinic was allowed to lay off a pass and Tamas stood off Hoilett as he side-stepped the Romanian and lashed an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

There was a moment of promise for the Baggies when Thomas jinked his way past Salgado and Jermaine Jones before matching his run with a goal-bound shot that only the brilliance of Robinson kept out. Then there was a moment of frustration when Thomas latched onto Morrison's through ball and burst into the box only for Robinson to smother at his feet.

Before the end there was controversy when Jones chopped down Odemwingie from behind – clearly in the box – only for referee Mark Clattenburg to award a free-kick just outside the area. But it was all in vain for the Baggies, whose own capacity for mishaps left them with another sombre journey home.

### TALKING POINT

**GABRIEL TAMAS:** Albion's Romania international centre-back must be sick of the sight of Blackburn after following his red card against Rovers at The Hawthorns with a nightmare at Ewood Park.

A below-par showing followed a difficult afternoon at home against Blackpool the week before for the man who started the season in such solid form.

With Graham Dorrans set to return from his twisted ankle soon, Paul Scharner could be freed up to return to central defensive duties.

And that could leave Baggies boss Roberto Di Matteo with a big decision to make over Jonas Olsson's defensive partner.

### Next three games…

**WIGAN (H) FEB 1**
The Baggies will be out for revenge in a game they must target for a victory against a relegation rival.

**MAN CITY (A) FEB 5**
A bonus game for Albion against a title-chasing team. They will be expected to lose but their victory at Arsenal and draw at Old Trafford will give them heart.

**WEST HAM (H) FEB 12**
Another clash with fellow strugglers. But the Hammers have shown signs of recovery lately.

Goalkeeper Boaz Myhill after being beaten by a Gabriel Tamas own goal

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Motability

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1.2 XS

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Chevrolet Captiva 2.0 VCDi LT RRP £22,345, Sale price £15,990, Total saving £6,355. *Metallic paint £400 extra. Offer excludes Chevrolet 5 year promise. While stocks last. Pictures for illustration only.
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1.0 PLUS

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Motability

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